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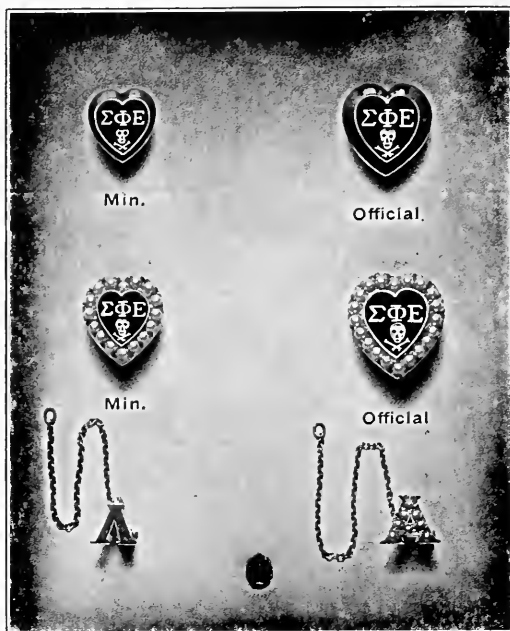
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THRICE GRAND

IN THE above, the theme photo for November, Grand President-Grandfather Charlie Patch is up to Grand Shenanigans. Being the recipient of a magnificent pledge button, Grandson Charles Allen Starks should be brimful of Sig Ep spirit, not only absorbing it from the newly elected head of the Fraternity but stocking up also from Dad Charles Starks (Captain, U.S.A.), Colorado Mines, '42. But somehow, even despite Mommy's nice smile on top of everything else, Junior seems relatively unmoved.

Snatching a more serious moment, the new Grand President has written a message for the Fraternity which effectively supplements "The Blitz Is Still On," Herb Heilig and Bill Hindman's article on the state of the chapters. Read these, and by all means read "Mississippi Alpha Is On Top," by David Womack; it's sheer 24-karat inspiration.

Among the remaining items of fare appear a great many names of brothers, most of them in the Service. It won't take you long to note the heavy balance on the side of wartime doings and events in this modest number which is but three-quarters of the usual size. For the matter of spirit, however—the good old Sig Ep kind—these disconcerting rationing rules haven't depleted us by so much as a whisker!

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[The Customers Always Write]

THE JOURNAL invites letters from all readers. Service men are especially entreated to write letters which will be read in the JOURNAL's pages by Sig Eps everywhere. Sig Ep wives, sweethearts, sisters, mothers, fathers, brothers are invited to send snapshots of Sig Eps in uniform, news items, and such portions of letters written them by servicemen as may be of general interest to readers.

THANKS, PAL—WHO'S NEXT?

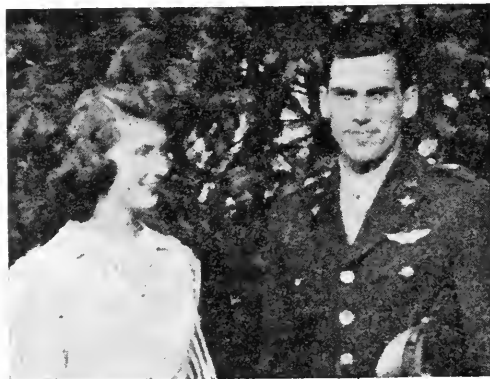
I'm assigning myself the job of getting in some news items about the fellows I know of in time for the next JOURNAL. I realize you have trouble getting news of the alumni.—LLOYD HOGAN, *Kansas Alpha*, '35, State President Montana State Junior Chamber of Commerce.

COMMENDED

I have always read the JOURNAL for the memories it brings of happy days when I visited my son's Sig Ep house at Virginia. Bruce thinks his fraternity will always be tops. Now he is in Africa in an English hospital very seriously wounded. He is to be sent home and hopes to get back into service as soon as possible but to his great grief no more flying.

The enclosed picture [see cut] was taken with a girl from Richmond who after his wings were pinned on sped him on his way to England and Africa. His squadron was the first to drop paratroops on Africa on that dawn of November 7. They were commended for that. Until June 25th he had many missions over Pantelleria, Sicily, etc., but on that day Bruce did not fulfill his mission. He feels so rebellious at not being able to be in on the end of Sicily. They called him the hero of the hour, brave, glorious, but such tragic wounds. That is all I know but hope very soon to have him home. His letters sound very full of fine spirit but lacking his former wonderful humor.

I am saving carefully all JOURNALS and news of Sig Eps all over the country for my son, Lt. Bruce G. Eberwein, Virginia, '40.—MRS. G. EBERWEIN, 25 Elmdorf Ave., Rochester, N.Y.



SHE SPED HIM

DEAR ILLINOIS ALPHANS:

Illinois Alpha has been disbanded for the duration as an actual house, and I should like to get addresses of those men who were in the house as of last September, 1942. I for one want to help Illinois Alpha remain the fine, strong brotherhood she was. Correspondence with the brothers is one way of preserving the feeling of brotherhood.

Five months ago [in March, 1943] I was part of a great organization—Sigma Phi Epsilon—to-day I'm part of a larger organization, one which is fighting to preserve our freedom. But I still wish to remain part of Sig Ep. Now I should like to take this opportunity through the JOURNAL to wish all the brothers the very best of luck while in the Service. I am sure they are all as anxious to get the war over as I am. If all the Americans could have the feeling of solidarity that all Sig Eps do, I'm sure this conflict would be over and Victory would be ours.—SGT. TERRY JOHNSON, *Illinois Alpha*, '44, 36639077, A.P.O. 450, Camp Howze, Tex.

You can say *that* again.

PATIENCE, BROTHER

If a Charter Member's marriage can't rate space in a publication two months afterward, just leave me OUT. I served the wandering Kentucky Alphans as roving reporter from date of my graduation until I joined the army.—FRED H. SHEILS, *Kentucky Alpha*, '33.

The bride still rates as a newlywed, is kissable by the Grand Secretary.

TWO OF THE MANY

Sig Eps here in Oregon might be interested in knowing that George H. Jackson, a Captain in the Air Corps, who was president of the Oregon Beta chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon in 1939 and 1940, is over in Africa doing his stuff [July 30, 1943] and is one of the many Sig Eps who is playing his part in cleaning up this world mess. About a month ago, I noticed a story in the paper stating that this same boy had been awarded a Distinguished Flying Cross for extraordinary work in the bombing of Tunisia.—H. B. ROBINSON, *Oregon Alpha*, '21, Governor District XVII.

For the vital statistics records, the K. U. Alumni Association reported the death of Charles W. Nees, *Kansas Gamma*, '39, in its last issue. I had run into Gus in St. Louis when I took my wife out to Kansas last December. He was expecting to go overseas then and was full of eager anticipation. I don't know if I reported the loss of my brother Hal [Hal R. Ruppenthal, *Kansas Gamma*, '42] last December. He was a navigator on a 4-engine ship of the Air Transport Command in the South Atlantic region. He left Washington

on Thanksgiving Day, and I returned to Washington from South America the same day. Our planes passed each other in flight, and I missed seeing him by a couple of hours.—KARL M. RUPPEN-THAL, *Kansas Gamma*.

EXPANSIVE FELLOWSHIP

I am a member of the Pennsylvania Lambda Chapter [Westminster College], and a graduate of '42. It has been a little over a year now since I have been in the Army and one year I'm sure I'll never forget. Camp Davis, N.C., my present location [June, 1943], makes three different camps in the past twelve months and in each of these camps I have always managed to find a brother Sig Ep. I can't begin to tell you what it means, for one would have to go through this experience himself in order to understand that feeling. I have found that my Fraternity has meant as much or even more to me than ever before.—GUY D. ANDERSON, JR.

FROM SISTER JOAN

Inasmuch as my brother, Ray L. Childers [Kansas Gamma, '36], is in the Army, he has requested that you send his JOURNAL to his home, 97 Goodwyn Ave., Memphis, Tenn., and we in turn can forward it.



Ray has been in the Army since May 31, 1942. He took his basic training at Fort Eustis, Va., and then attended O.C.S. School at Camp Davis, N.C., where he graduated last December and received his commission as Second Lieutenant. Until early June he has been at Camp Stewart, Ga., in

charge of training a group of enlisted men. Then he returned to Camp Davis.

Through the JOURNAL he will be glad to have some contact again with what has been happening in the various Sig Ep chapters, especially Kansas Gamma.—JOAN CHILDERS.

Most readers will quickly recognize in Sister Joan's letter a trend towards the broadening of fellowship to include not merely those who are fraternity brothers but also relatives and friends of both sexes and all ages.

A REQUEST

Only recently I wrote you announcing the arrival of a baby girl, Kathryn Michael, born September 21, 1942, to Mr. and Mrs. Sutton Reid, III, Texas Alpha, '40.

On June 27, 1943, Pfc. Sutton Reid, III, was



MOMMY AND BABY KATHRYN MICHAEL:
"Daddy is in the Chapter Eternal."

killed while on maneuvers near Cookeville, Tenn., from a skull fracture sustained by a fall. He had been in the Army since March 2, 1942, and his organization was 5th Armored Division, 75th Armored Medical Battalion, Headquarters Company. He had received his appointment to Officers Candidate School.

It seems there should be other things I should say, about how much Sutton thought of his fraternity, and how anxious he was to receive the JOURNAL, but I am sure you understand that it is very difficult for me to phrase such words at this time.

Although this may be an unusual request, I would like to continue receiving the JOURNAL, if it is at all possible—MRS. SUTTON REID, III, 516 Monte Vista, Dallas 10, Tex.

[Sutton Reid, III, was born February 18, 1917, in Galveston, Tex. He was a graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School, and attended the University of Texas, where he became a Sig Ep in '36. He married Virginia Lee, his high school and college sweetheart, on October 10, 1941.—Ed.]

The JOURNAL has placed Mrs. Reid's name on its list for a renewable five-year subscription.

SARCASM, PARDONABLE & MILD

I note JOURNAL refers to Montana Alpha as Montana State. Unless recently changed the University at Missoula, Mont. (I was a charter member of Montana Alpha—1918) was known as University of Montana and the Aggie School at Bozeman as Montana State or Aggies.—MAJOR E. M. McLAUGHLIN.

Please give Jose Caminero back to Washington and Lee. Take away credit from Sigma Alpha Epsilon for bringing Wolfe and Price to the Sig Ep Conclave.—GRAND SECRETARY HERB HEILIG, *Wisconsin Alpha*, '23.

Your onetime professional proofreading Editor (1) blushes for shame, (2) will try to do better.

EDITORIALS

OF ALL the bonds of fellowship, there is none more noble, none more powerful than when good men of congenial character are joined in intimate friendship; for really, if we discover in another that moral goodness on which I dwell so much, it attracts us and makes us friends to the one in whose character it seems to dwell. And while every virtue attracts us and makes us love those who seem to possess it, still justice and generosity do so most of all. Nothing, moreover, is more conducive to love and intimacy than compatibility of character in good men; for when two people have the same ideals and the same tastes, it is a natural consequence that each loves the other as himself; and the result is, as Pythagoras requires of ideal friendship, that several are united in one.—CICERO, in *De Officiis*.

Principles of Fellowship

Back in June Mr. Gilbert H. Higgins, a busy New York business man and father of a Sig Ep and a Sig Ep pledge, read Grand Secretary Heilig's article in the JOURNAL on the difficulty of continuing Sig Ep life on the nation's campuses. He was sufficiently stirred, in the interests of fellowship generally and in Sig Ep interests in particular, to sit down and write Grand President E. Reed Hunt a long letter.

He mentioned in his letter that during the last college year there were a number of men, particularly at Norwich University, who were pledged to the Fraternity but who, because of existing circumstances, never were initiated.

What mainly thrilled Grand President Hunt was Mr. Higgins' hint of a method whereby pledges, snatched prematurely from campus due to no fault of their own, might in some way complete their initiation and achieve Sig Ep membership. He suggested that Fort Riley might afford a situation for action inasmuch as virtually the entire junior class of Norwich was stationed there.

It is scarcely necessary to say that this suggestion is a worthy one, and as this is written the Central Office no doubt has in process the machinery to effect such initiations where and when they are allowable.

Apart from its direct value, this idea strongly suggests that nonfraternity men are becoming increasingly awakened to the values of fraternity fellowship and that in the college fraternity they recognize a practical clinic in fellowship that is provided in no other way.

In arriving at this conclusion, we are not being influenced by a single case but by literally hundreds. Sisters, sweethearts, wives, brothers, fathers, mothers have all written, and keep writing, and the spark that is contained in the letters of all of them bespeaks a kind of new and enlarged and exhilarating spirit of brotherhood.

Youth must learn, for youth must eventually lead as it becomes mature. May Sigma Phi Epsilon be fully prepared by example to teach those principles of value for which youth of modern times has unhappily had no successful teachers.

We Become Rationed

The Executive Committee voted an operating-budget reduction which nibbled a considerable chunk out of the JOURNAL's already lean appropriation, but under the stringent circumstances in prospect, with campus activities for the whole nation in a lull, they had little choice. Regarded moreover from the view of materials economy, the decision was in the spirit of patriotic sacrifice.

Though new initiations automatically mean new JOURNAL subscriptions, the government has frozen the allotment of paper for periodicals, in many cases has actually reduced it, and thus the JOURNAL might not have retained its bulk this year anyway.

One method of alleviating this situation would be for such brethren who are chronically too disinterested to "crack the pages" of the magazine when the postman brings it (a number of these are indigenous to all fraternities), to allow the Central Office to transfer their unappreciated subscriptions to Sig Eps possessing at least a faint

appetite for Sig Ep news. However, we can already see that this idea will arrive nowhere: it is plain that any Sig Ep who writes in must have read this far, and if he has we wouldn't let him surrender his subscription even if he backed such surrender by the persuasion of an entire armored division.

It Seems Too Grand

In the course of a country's history the greatest changes, or the greatest group or wave of changes, inevitably occur in the wake of war or revolution. America's pundits and prognosticators promise many a shift in the state of things for post-war life. It is altogether likely that an age highly functional even in peace has little use for dilly-dangles and bric-a-brac in war, and that when the men of the United Nations are fighting for the Four Freedoms they are also fighting for the elimination of ultragarnish and nonsense.

A great many Sig Eps have repeatedly wondered, some of them as far back as the 1920s, whether the designation *Grand* in the titles of the national officers, unnecessary as it is, is not actually also pretentious and supercilious. While against the opinion of those who advocate the elimination of *Grand* is the stand of other members for its preservation in the interest of tradition and formalistic sentiment, it is fairly obvious that adherents of the latter must become an ever smaller minority.

It is our own belief that there is no harm in calling the officers *Grand* in ritualistic and esoteric proceedings—indeed, such usage is graceful and appropriate—but that the ridiculous misconceptual adjective ought to be eliminated from use in all exoteric matters. The Executive Committee might take action immediately—and with impunity: it is doubtful that there would be more than a half-dozen apathetic and scattered kicks. *National President, National Vice-President, National Secretary*, and the like serve just as well as the *Grands*, and are at the same time healthfully free of the flavor of asininity.

Loose Ends

The muse of the gridiron is hereby invited to stage a small party in the February JOURNAL provided our reporters sponsor it.

Inasmuch as fraternity social functions

have been severely curbed by the war, it is hoped that many well-cemented Sig Ep groups throughout the nation are observing the annual custom of Founders' Day dinners on Monday evening, November 1st, in honor of Sigma Phi Epsilon's day of birth in Richmond, Virginia, just forty-four years ago. The JOURNAL, on its course through press on this anniversary, will make mention of celebratory activities in the February number.

At least there will be space available for it inasmuch as that issue will again have sixty-four pages, being also able to accommodate a moderate grist that has been in the hopper for a mighty long time, including articles on or by Governor Hickenlooper, Lieut. Col. Paul Ayres Rockwell, Dr. Oscar Hawkinson, William Hindman, Dr. Carl Zapffe, and others. Quite apart from which there is a leading piece in hand by sage, experienced Dean U. G. Dubach of Oregon State, titled "When They Come Back." Also an article, "Chapter Papers Beget Chapter Strength," giving voice to the superlative efforts of such deep-in-the-heart Sig Eps as Kansas Gamma's Jim Bradley, whose round robin letter digests are bringing chapter-brotherly cheer as well as information to the Kansas boys; Dick Griffin of the Wake Forest chapter for his heroic *Sig Ep Review*; K. V. Wendland for his *Round the Globe* for the U. of Wisconsin Sig Eps; and other spirited and indefatigable pioneers.

"Leading the fraternities in number of pledges is Sigma Phi Epsilon with 27 boys. The remaining 115 new pledges were divided among the other 15 fraternities." This late bulletin, issuing the first week in October from the *Daily Nebraskan*, tells the encouraging story on the campus at Nebraska. The italics are ours, as they say in professional print, and believe me, brothers, we gotta right to 'em!

And lest it be crowded out of the issue altogether, the announcement is herewith made of the bestowal of the JOURNAL's phantom palm of excellence for superlative reporting to Mississippi Alpha's energetic one-man clinician in youthful democracy, David Womack, Jr. Letting alone the matter of reporting, his performance for his chapter has been nothing short of brilliant.



UNDERSECRETARY FORRESTER:

*"Let Congress and the nation be able to say to us w
the accounts of the cost of the war are all in: WELL DON*



EISENHOWER AIDE NOW COMMANDER

Lieutenant-Commander Harry C. Butcher, Iowa State, '25, was head of the Columbia Broadcasting System's Washington, D.C., office before he received his commission and became aide to Gen. Dwight Eisenhower.

WASHINGTON SUCCESS STORY

Undersecretary of Navy Forrestal in Washington and Commander Harry Butcher as aide to Gen. Eisenhower play key roles in promoting the war.

NEARLY all fraternities are represented by a fair number of members who, while wearing the handsome blue uniforms of the United States Navy, don't go near the water." Sigma Phi Epsilon has them, too.

But for landlubbers in high places Sigma Phi Epsilon establishes the record. In Wash-

ington, next to the Secretary of the Navy, Col. Frank Knox, a former Rough Rider but neither a fraternity man nor an old salt, sits the Navy's Undersecretary, the Honorable James V. Forrestal, a Sig Ep initiate at Dartmouth back in 1908 or '09. He works very hard for Uncle Sam and the Navy, but since he doffed a Naval Lieutenant's uniform in 1919, he must have forgotten what it is like to be seasick.

That goes for Commander Harry Butcher, too, who may be found these days perched in a hilltop suite at the St. George Hotel in Algiers, at the side of General Dwight D. Eisenhower, as aide to the United Nations military leader, surrounded by many uniforms of another color.

In its issue of September 13, 1943, *Time* describes the picture with a vivid charm:

Allied Force Headquarters, which operates in Algiers, is, to the field soldier, fantastically enormous. Attached to it are some 1,100 officers and 15,000 enlisted men to work its communications, guard its sprawling area, cook its meals, drive its cars, guard its billets and offices on more than 2,000 pieces of Algiers real estate. Its Signals center handles 1,000 code messages a day. A newly arrived U.S. officer, previously accustomed to the spaces and complexities of Washington's Pentagon Building, took a preliminary look at A.F.H.Q. and gasped:

"It's a hyperthyroid War Department!"

Literally atop this maze, in the hilltop St. George Hotel, Eisenhower spends most of his working days. In off hours, he lives in a pleasant Algiers villa with three companions: his devoted "dog robber" (orderly), Sergeant "Mickey" McKeogh; a Scottish terrier named Telek; his principal aide, Navy Commander Harold Butcher, a friend from Washington days who used to be a broadcasting-company executive. Smooth, fast-talking, fast-thinking Harold Butcher is reported to have much influence with Eisenhower.

Harry C. Butcher, *Iowa State*, '25, has always liked the Navy better than the Army. When America entered World War I, 16-year-old Harry tried to enlist, passed his physical, and then was sent home because he was too young. Twenty-one years later he tried again and made it. And now Harry C. Butcher is a Commander in the Navy.

Forrestal, who like his chief, Knox, and the Commander in Chief, Roosevelt, must

wear civilian clothes, made news some time ago with this quotable remark: "I would rather have a warship than a Simon-pure record." Forrestal is supervisor of a large part of the Navy's vast purchasing program. He is a member of the War Manpower Commission of the Joint War Production Committee, United States and Canada. "The Undersecretary of the Navy performs such duties," according to the official statement, "as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Navy or are required by law, and is next in succession to the Secretary of the Navy during his absence."

The Undersecretary's principal responsibility, however, is "the preparation and execution of contracts for the procurement of necessary facilities, supplies, and equipment and for production."

As an undergraduate at Dartmouth, Forrestal was initiated into the Fraternity by Basil O'Connor, '12, onetime law partner of President Roosevelt and energetic battler against the nation's infantile paralysis. O'Connor, whose law firm in New York City is now O'Connor & Farber, says that Forrestal came to Dartmouth with Richard E. Coon, Jr., *Dartmouth*, '15, but transferred to Princeton and took his degree there.

What Forrestal chiefly calls himself, however, is an investment banker. Moreover his record shows that there have been few better. Born in Beacon, N.Y., on February 15, 1892, he left Dartmouth after a year and studied at Princeton from 1911 to 1915. Following these years he joined the New Jersey Zinc Company and after a short period the Tobacco Products Corporation, New York City. In 1916 he joined Dillon, Read & Company and in 1943 his New York address is still 28 Nassau Street, which is the address of this business firm. Brother Forrestal served as president from 1937 to 1940, leaving in the latter year to become Undersecretary of the Navy.

Brother Butcher's work isn't any harder, but it is quite naturally more dangerous. Under the circumstances it is perhaps ironical that he shouldn't be among more wearers of the Navy blue.

He became Eisenhower's aide at the General's personal request, perhaps because he is so expertly and thoroughly versed on com-

munications. His training in radio began in 1924 when he staged radio programs for farmers on WLS, KYW, and WGN. It was he who originated audience participation. Through his efforts Professor Quiz was put on the air. A more singular claim to fame lies in his having dubbed Franklin Roosevelt's talks "fireside chats." Before joining the Naval Reserve he was head of the Washington office of the Columbia Broadcasting System.

At Iowa State Brother Butcher was exceptionally outstanding in journalism. A Sigma Delta Chi, he was also active in the Interfraternity Council, played freshman basketball and football, and varsity basketball.

UNCLE BILLY AND THE GALLUP POLL

THE countless friends of Uncle Billy Phillips, knowing that he has retired and takes only rare field trips now, no longer expect the contacts as of old; but they always like to hear, just the same, that Sigma Phi Epsilon's great builder maintains an alert interest in the affairs of the Fraternity and in all matters of moment in the public news.

During the summer the retired Grand Secretary had a firsthand experience with the Gallup poll, some of the details of which he has written to his friends.

Among the interesting things he discovered was that while the city of Richmond (where he was interviewed by "an attractive young woman") has approximately 200,000 inhabitants, only twenty-eight men or women were interviewed in the entire community.

Uncle Billy still wonders why he was selected, but his interviewer did not enlighten him, and he still doesn't know. He says that the interviewer avoided the direct approach in asking her questions which related to practically every topic of a political nature that one could mention. There were perhaps thirty or more questions, and they were put in a way to encourage conversational and even rambling replies. Incidentally, his political and religious affiliations along with other personal background were recorded.

Throughout the interview which lasted about an hour, Uncle Billy says the interviewer made copious notes the whole while, apparently taking down every last thing which he told her. He remembers the experience with relish, although he is still very much puzzled by the technique.

★ ★ *You have imitated David in his crime; imitate then his repentance.*—Saint Ambrose.

RALLYING TO THE IDEALS

BY *Charles R. Patch* GRAND PRESIDENT

"THESE are the times that try men's souls." The words are Thomas Paine's, not mine. I'm just borrowing them. The Sig Eps on the fighting fronts don't need to be told that these are times that put them to the utmost test of manhood, both by body and spirit. On the home front, however, mind and mettle are not tested as easily or as convincingly.

The content of recent JOURNALS discloses that during these times the active chapters must throw every last ounce of energy into the fight to survive. A number of them are already taking "time out." It is hard going all the way, and "all the way" is a lot longer than a sprint. For the actives, then, as well as for their brothers under arms, it is the kind of tough going that requires tough action.

And yet, despite wartime obstacles and challenges, there are rules by which men build their character and their lives which have changed but little. The criteria for true fellowship, for example, are not subject to alteration. Some of us have a right to call ourselves fraternity men and Sig Eps, while there are some of us now, as there have always been, who can at best, regrettably it may be, call ourselves only nominal Sig Eps.

What I say next is addressed to YOU. Ask yourself whether you joined your Fraternity because Sig Ep became fixed in your heart or because you wanted a place to live. Did you choose fraternity membership because you wanted companionship, friendships of a worthy kind, and were willing to give freely of friendship's attributes? Or did you accept membership as a sideline of convenience?

When you pledged your Fraternity, were you SOLD? Did membership seem a vital, moving thing in your life? Did you look forward to doing your part? Have you done your part? Have you illustrated the nobility of fellowship by the richness of your Sig Ep associations?

These are the times when fraternity fellowship is very likely to test the souls of its members as never before. Leaders with fraternity ideals will hold high the torch; contagious idealism will make college life stronger and build for the future. Doing something for others is the foundation of happiness. Rallying to the ideals of our Fraternity—selling our Fraternity to ourselves, if we have not already done so, will at the same time sell Sig Ep to others as a brotherhood for life; not for just a few years spent in school. Sig Ep fellowship, properly fostered, enriches itself with passing time.

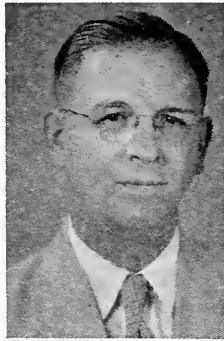
A new year for Sigma Phi Epsilon has begun. Reports indicate that our Fraternity is on the march. Changes are of necessity being made, but we must regard every one of them as an opportunity. Personally I am hopeful that despite the war this year will witness a process of gradual improvement and strengthening, especially as to basic ideals, for it is on these we must build.



SIG EP LEADERS AT CONFERENCE



HUNT



PATCH



PHILLIPS



FROST

By **HERB HEILIG**
GRAND SECRETARY

THE convention of the national officers in Richmond on August 23, 24, and 25 was a series of concentrated sessions of policy-making only slightly leavened with the spirit of relaxation of former years that is the normal usufruct of good fellowship. The only social function, in fact, was a joint meeting with the Richmond Alumni Chapter on Tuesday noon, the 24th, at Ewarts Cafeteria, at which were present twenty-five brothers including District Governor William H. Sanders, Jr., who presided.

All committee sessions were held at the John Marshall Hotel and were presided over by Grand President E. Reed Hunt, Michigan Alpha, '19, who vacated this high office at the final session, Charles R. Patch, Colorado Alpha, '12, becoming Grand President. The other officers advanced one station, though appointment of a new Junior Grand Marshal was postponed.

An important alteration effected in the national officer roster was the creation of the office of Assistant Grand Secretary to which the then Field Secretary, William W. Hindman, Jr., who was present, was appointed.

Throughout the sessions the usual reports were given, policies were formulated, entailing chiefly special action necessitated by war participation, investments, and a more effective use of District Governorship in the supervision of chapters weakened by the war. A number of appointments were made as District Governors. [See article, "The Blitz Is Still On," for names and biographies of new District Governors.—Ed.]

The entire personnel of the Committee was present. There were: E. Reed Hunt, one of Detroit's ablest and most successful attorneys; Charles

R. Patch, go-getting insurance man from Denver; Edwin Buchanan, able bank executive in Milwaukee; William L. Phillips, our Grand Secretary Emeritus and able experienced professional Greek; Earle W. Frost, municipal judge in Kansas City, civic leader and national traffic safety expert; Robert L. Ryan, banker and community leader from Southern California; and Walter G. Fly, salesman, experienced student of fraternity operations, from Pennsylvania. These Sig Ep leaders can boast of records in their chapters which trained them for larger service to Sigma Phi Epsilon. Here are men who were District Governors; three are now Alumni Treasurers of their chapters, others have been such.

These brothers were confident that Sigma Phi Epsilon would weather the storms ahead during the war period. Realistically, they pared the budget down to minimum essentials, planning nevertheless for vigorous operation of every chapter. The budget, including the allotment for the JOURNAL, was reduced by approximately 10 per cent.

William L. Phillips Foundation

As a trustee of the National Headquarters Corporation, Morgan R. Mills, Jr., Virginia Alpha, '17, was elected to succeed himself, the term expiring in 1946. William A. Hanley, Indiana Alpha, '11, was elected to succeed himself for another term as trustee of the Endowment Fund, the tenure ending in October, 1947. The resignation of Albert P. Dippold, New York Beta, '14, and Grand President from 1926 to 1928, as a member of the Student Loan Board was announced; while the retiring Grand President, E. Reed Hunt, Michigan Alpha, '19, was elected to this vacancy.

A significant item of legislation was the presentation and authorization of a plan of establishment for a new foundation, named for William L.



MAKE PATCH NEW PRESIDENT,

OF EXECUTIVE BODY IN RICHMOND



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Phillips and to be incorporated under the laws of the District of Columbia, by which Sigma Phi Epsilon might more effectively accept as well as solicit gifts (see page 112).

At one of the sessions a plan was instituted to require the active chapters to register their pledges with the Grand Chapter as of September 1, 1943, pledges to be reported periodically upon forms furnished by the Central Office. The new regulation provides for a one-dollar pledge registration fee, to be regarded as an assessment on the pledge, the Central Office in turn supplying the pledge with a copy of the *Sigma Phi Epsilon Manual* and a Pledge Card.

Elected delegates to the National Interfraternity Conference sessions to be held in New York in November, 1943, were Grand Secretary Herb Heilig, Wisconsin Alpha, '23; Grand Secretary Emeritus William L. Phillips, Virginia Alpha—Founder; and Field Secretary William H. Hindman, Jr., Pennsylvania Delta, '39. Senior Grand Marshal Walter G. Fly, D.C. Alpha, and *JOURNAL* Editor John Robson, Wisconsin Alpha, '28, were designated as alternates.

Among other action of note was the authorization for an exclusive contract with the L. G. Bal-four Company as the Fraternity's sole official jeweler, subject to the cancellation of existing contracts with other official jewelers. Also, the Grand Secretary was authorized to secure a new token in the form of a key for the Clifford B. Scott Award, to replace the present token, which is regarded as being somewhat behindhand of current fashion.

The New Grand Officer Roster

The complete list of Grand Officers for the coming year is as follows: Charles R. Patch, Colorado Alpha, '12, Grand President; William L.

Phillips, Virginia Alpha—Founder, Grand Vice-president; Edwin Buchanan, Ohio Gamma, '11, Grand Treasurer; Earle W. Frost, Kansas Beta, '20, Grand Historian; Robert L. Ryan, California Alpha, '25, Grand Guard; and Walter Graham Fly, D.C. Alpha, Senior Grand Marshal. No Junior Grand Marshal was installed.

Looking Forward

The chief topic for attention in the coming year was the continuance of active chapter life in the face of discouraging obstacles. Even at schools where Sig Ep groups are strongest the job of maintaining a nucleus of Sig Ep life is beset with barriers, the greatest of these being lack of manpower. Reports from a number of campuses reveal that through an almighty exercise of will, spirit, and energy, a trio of brothers, and even a pair, can build up a genuine unit deserving of the name of chapter.

But the manpower that is left must redouble and retriplate all efforts in the vital task ahead. As Grand Historian Frost expresses it, "Even though it be impossible to operate a chapter house, every effort should be made to keep every chapter functioning as a chapter unit. The essentials of chapter life can be maintained by holding regular meetings whatever may be the number of actives, pledging new men to assure the continuity of the group, going after and getting the co-operation of the alumni, whose support is needed as never before."

Grand President Patch especially invites Sig Eps who conceive valuable ideas to correspond with him about them, so that he in turn might be able to carry on discussions with the individual members of the Executive Committee. He firmly believes that personal contacts, by letter as well as by visit, are one of the best weapons for keeping up the successful fight.

FORM PLANS FOR COMING YEAR





SIG EPS AT DAVIDSON STILL OCCUPY THIS LODGE, AND PROSPECTS LOOK EXCELLENT

THE BLITZ IS STILL ON

By **HERB HEILIG** and **BILL HINDMAN**

Of the Fraternity's 69 campus units, 52 carry on, 19 in their houses, and 23 in rationed quarters; while 17 have ceased to operate for the duration.

THERE is a frequent saying of oldtimers: "Much of what I learned in school is no longer true." By remote application of this truism, much of the data in this Central Office report on the status of the chapters, still valid towards the close of September, has constantly been and is still being invalidated by change. It is unnecessary to say that a periodical issued quarterly can scarcely offer orderliness in information respecting a college world in which Uncle Sam has thus far rushed, pledged, and initiated 75 per cent of the male inhabitants.

But there is much in the situation that is all to the good. Contrary to the expectations of many college administrators and under-

graduate campus leaders, the new men who have come to college this summer and early fall definitely want to join fraternities. In fact, chapters on many campuses have found that this year's freshman class was not only in a receptive mood, as far as fraternity membership is concerned, but was downright eager to join. All that most of these men seemed to need was the sincere smile and the ready handshake of an interested upper-classman to make them become immediately interested in meeting this man's friend and joining with them in the closer fellowship of his fraternity.

It is not the number of men pledged this year that really counts. The important questions are: How many of these pledges will still be in college at the end of the semester? How many will be able to meet requirements and become initiated? How many will remain in college long enough to do their bit toward the maintenance of the chapter? How many will develop into loyal alumni who

will be assets to the chapter for the rest of their lives?

While a big house and an impressive array of B.M.O.C.s are valuable, other fraternities also have their big houses and prominent men. Be advised not to count too much on the help of these things in securing pledges. Bear in mind that it is the atmosphere of the house, the smile, the word of greeting, the hand-clasp, the air of friendliness, easy informality, and good fellowship, that will impress the rushees far more than anything else.

We want to state again that Sigma Phi Epsilon has had in the year 1942-43 its best year. We had 1079 active members, plus 1148 initiates. Morale in our chapters is high. The Central Office has retrenched carefully and streamlined its work for the duration.

Pledging. To hold our own every chapter now operating must pledge at least one underclassman for every active brother, the type who can and will be initiated. To do better than hold our own—to build our strength, every chapter should pledge two men for each active. All sources should be explored, all helpful contacts made. Every worthy man who has long dreamed of being a Sig Ep must not be denied the right to join our brotherhood.

Every man trained. Every man in the chapter, every pledge, too, should be in training to assume new or added responsibilities in the house and chapter operation. Every officer ought to be understudied. Every committee ought to be well manned so that many may have experience. Advice to chapter leaders: Train your pledges. Studying *The Manual* is not all of training, though study of it is necessary. Put your pledges to work for the chapter. Train them to be good Sig Eps.

If you haven't a house. So what! Operate a live chapter. Fraternities were nearly one hundred years old before any of them operated houses. Get the gang together for social affairs. Meet regularly at the Sig Ep hangout. Go places together, do things together. Tie in your local alumni.

Live within your income. Balance your budget day by day. Let no man ride at the expense of his brothers. Collect your receivables. Pay your bills. Let your parties be smart instead of expensive. Furthermore,



NEW GRAND PRESIDENT: CHARLES R. PATCH

help your Alumni Treasurers collect on old receivables. This is the year to bear down on the old debtors.

Your men in service. Write letters to the boys in uniform. Let each member and each pledge pick a correspondence pal. These boys want news from the gang at home. Be sure to build up a complete, accurate, up-to-date file on your Service Men. They are making history. Let it be recorded in your chapter files.

Tough going? A crisis is a change plus opportunity. The war period is, therefore, a challenge fraught with problems and troubles but filled with opportunity for strengthening fraternity.

We are strong! All of us are part of a great national organization which has ample strength, vigor, vision, enough traditions and yet youth enough to be flexible. In union there is strength. In the Sigma Phi Epsilon kind of union, as experienced Sig Ep alumni, the truest kind of brothers, will

witness, there is the nobility of a resplendent fellowship for life. But meanwhile, as the following reports will attest, the blitz is still on!

DISTRICT I: This District is under the governorship of Milton Egan, Vermont Beta, '26. Address: 50 Court Street, New Britain, Conn.

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE: Fraternity activity at New Hampshire Alpha has been suspended for the duration by the Administration and Interfraternity Council. According to report, the house in Hanover is occupied by nurses.

MASSACHUSETTS STATE COLLEGE: Massachusetts Alpha has not reported; it is very unlikely that any Sig Eps are in residence on this campus.

MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE: No report has been received from Vermont Beta, on whose campus school closed down for summer.

NORWICH UNIVERSITY: The chapter house of Vermont Alpha was leased by the University as a Cadet Mess Hall and Infirmary. No fraternities operate on this campus at present.

WORCESTER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE: Recent reports indicate that Massachusetts Beta Chapter is having another successful year. Thirty-four members are back in college this fall and five pledges were recently initiated.

DISTRICT II: Robert W. Kelly, New York Gamma, '29, on leave in the armed services, is Governor. His New York City business address is 309 Lafayette Street.

CORNELL UNIVERSITY: The New York Beta chapter house is leased to the college to house Navy men. Five actives and four pledges are reported left on the campus. Efforts are being made to hold the chapter together.

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY: The New York Gamma house has been given back to the landlord for the duration. A small group of Sig Eps are still in school and have made President Huber's apartment their headquarters.

RENSSELAER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE: New York Delta chapter is in a most favorable position; it is the only Christian fraternity whose members live and eat in their own house. There are six members and six pledges living in the house and five members and one pledge living in the dormitories with the V-12 group. Twenty-one men, seven of whom are non-Sig Eps, are eating in the dining-hall.

STEVENS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY: New Jersey Alpha's chapter house is in use as a recreational center for the campus Naval unit. The members have taken quarters temporarily in the Alpha Kappa Phi House at 636 Hudson Street. Prospects for rushing are reported to be excellent.

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY: The New York Alpha house is in use as a girls' dormitory. Nine or ten Sig Eps remain on the campus to carry on chapter activities. At the time of this report the

chapter had a strong rushing campaign well under way.

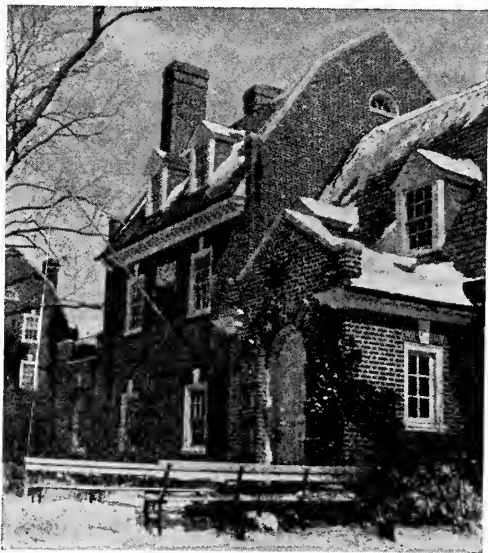
DISTRICT III: John R. Fader, Delaware Alpha, '24, the District Governor, lives in Wilmington, Del. His business address is 2169 DuPont Building, Wilmington.

UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE: The house of Delaware Alpha is occupied by Army but the chapter is still allowed to use the chapter room. Only two or three members left on campus and they are living together in the dormitories.

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY: The fellows are still living at the Maryland Alpha chapter house at 3025 St. Paul Street and intend to do so for the duration. At present the active chapter consists of six active men but many new pledges are expected. To be on their toes for the rush season the men have furnished their bedrooms with new double-decker beds and furniture, according to the report of President Richard Doak. Other current officers are Jack Strauch, vice-president; Walter Everett Smith, secretary; and Weymouth McDaniel, treasurer. Doak also mentioned that a former senior class president, Morgan Pritchett, '42, was on campus as gymnasium instructor and a teacher at St. Paul's School. Recent graduates were George William Sullivan, John Summerfield Dempster, Charles John Kuhlmann, and Jack Strauch. Two new pledges: Neil Paul Pratt and John Henry, both premedical students.

LEHIGH UNIVERSITY: Pennsylvania Epsilon is still housed at 61 West Market Street. Around eight Sig Eps are working hard to stoke the home fires.

MUHLNBERG COLLEGE: The alumni are still working hard to pledge the right type of men who can help them rebuild and revitalize Penn-



DELAWARE ALPHA: Chapter house at Newark was taken over, though boys still use chapter room.

sylvania Iota. At present, no undergraduate Sig Eps or pledges remain on the campus.

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA: The chapter house was leased this summer to the University for the use of Army Medical Corps dental students. McCurdy, Hausman, and Shaffer secured an apartment at 3607 Chestnut Street and the Pennsylvania Delta Sig Eps have made this their headquarters. Present membership, which includes civilian Navy and Army students, is around fourteen. The chapter has reported locating six Sig Eps from other chapters who are now located on the Penn campus. President Robert S. McCurdy promises that activities will become considerably enlivened after the start of the new term on November 1. The men were delighted to have two Sig Ep visitors at their quarters upon the occasion of the Penn-Princeton game in September.

TEMPLE UNIVERSITY: The Pennsylvania Mu chapter headquarters has been transferred to an apartment located at 1925 North Broad Street. There are around six members left on the campus and a strong campaign is under way to enlarge this group.

DISTRICT IV: William Hugh Sanders, Jr., who was president of his chapter at the University of Richmond his senior year, 1939, is the new governor of District IV. Having been round-up chairman for alumni affairs in the capital city since his college days, he is well acquainted in his district which embraces D. C. Alpha, Virginia Alpha, Virginia Zeta, Virginia Eta, as well as the Richmond Alumni Chapter.

On the Richmond campus he was active in the University Players and represented Sigma Phi Epsilon on the Interfraternity Council. Sanders is the treasurer of the Laburnum Realty Corporation, Richmond, insurance being his specialty. His present hobbies are photography and football. He married in 1941.

GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY: The chapter house of D. C. Alpha is filled with alumni members; while undergraduates are few and far between, Sig Ep is still alive.

RANDOLPH-MACON COLLEGE: The house of Virginia Zeta is in use by college as recreation center for Army students. No Sig Eps reported on campus.

UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND: Chapter rooms of Sigma Phi Epsilon's mother chapter have been occupied by the Navy. New rooms have been secured at 213 Wood Road in a private home which is located at the end of the lake. Five actives and two pledges are back for the fall term and are conducting a strenuous rushing campaign.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA: The chapter house is available for chapter use this fall if enough men can be secured to operate it. Virginia Eta is conducting a rushing campaign with this thought in mind. Ernest L. Dyer, '22, Alumni Treasurer, has undertaken to keep a list of addresses up to date for the men in the service, and solicits this data at his office in the Western

Union Building, Norfolk 10, Va. He advises:

"YOU must send your new addresses in, if this service is to be of any material value. The fraternity house has been rented to both sessions of the summer school this year, the second term having just ended. It is planned to have an active chapter this fall, but the membership will consist of brothers in the service, on active duty in attending one of the service schools at the University, together with a few medical students and students in other departments; they will not room or eat in the house."

DISTRICT V: Harold Weaver, North Carolina Beta, '28, Governor, 319 West University Drive, Chapel Hill, N.C.

DAVIDSON COLLEGE: North Carolina Epsilon Chapter is still occupying its lodge. The fellows had a successful summer rushing season and are thus able to start the fall with a membership of thirteen or fourteen. Prospects are excellent.

DUKE UNIVERSITY: The university has taken the North Carolina Gamma chapter house. At last report, there were three members, one transfer, and four pledges on the campus.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE COLLEGE: North Carolina Beta still occupies its chapter house. Two civilian members and five civilian pledges will be back on the campus this fall. Also there is hope that six additional members in the Enlisted Reserve Corps will be returned to college.

WAKE FOREST COLLEGE: The fellows plan to keep their house open through thick and thin. Fourteen North Carolina Zetans are expected back for the fall term and many more should be secured from the incoming freshman class.

DISTRICT VI: Dr. Emmett B. Carmichael, Colorado Alpha, '18, head of the department of Physiological Chemistry at the University of Alabama, University, Ala., became Governor of this district in 1942.

ALABAMA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE: The house of Alabama Alpha is in use as a girls' dormitory. Reports attribute to this chapter twenty-six men including actives and pledges.

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA: Florida Alpha house is still open and is expected to remain so for some time. Around ten men expected back this fall.

GEORGIA SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY: Things are going fine at Georgia Alpha. The chapter reports a membership of sixteen actives and eight pledges. The chapter house is still at 830 Spring Street N.W.

DISTRICT VII: William H. Thomas, Alabama Beta, '27, Governor. Address: 908 First National Bank Building, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA: The house and furniture of Alabama Beta have been rented to the Presbyterian Church for the duration. Four men



FLORIDA ALPHA: The Sig Eps are still there.

are back this fall and are going to carry on chapter activities.

MISSISSIPPI STATE COLLEGE: Mississippi Betans are meeting in the Y.M.C.A. for the duration. Not more than six men are left on this campus. Initiates during the summer were Jesse Harris Coon, Gordon Jones, and Grey Griffin.

UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI: The men of Mississippi Alpha have leased the Delta Tau Delta house on Fraternity Row for this year and have already moved into their new home. Membership at present is twenty and things are really going along swell.

Master Organizer David Womack in a special article for the JOURNAL (see pages 86-87) has recounted the inspiring story of Mississippi Alpha's phenomenal progress in the face of many obstacles. The chapter closed its books for the year in better shape than it has been since its organization.

The co-operation between the Mississippi Alpha and the Mississippi Beta is very close, Womack reports, and his chapter had the honor of initiating the following pledges for Mississippi Beta: Corbey Coon, Greenville; Billy Oaks, Starkville; and Gordon Jones, Jackson. Johnny Caughman, '31, assisted in this initiation ceremony.

Plans are being made for a fall formal dance in which Mississippi Beta will participate at Ole Miss. A house party is planned after Rush Week.

Recent officers have been: Mal Riddell, president; David Womack, vice-president and comptroller; Hugh Crowell, historian. On September 22, Sanford P. Torrey was installed as the president, Elmer E. Dickson as vice-president and comptroller, and Gordon Wickestrom as historian. Initiated during the summer session were Gordon Wickestrom, Horace E. Polk, and Elmer E. Dickson. Individual honors received: Elmer E. Dickson, Phi Beta Sigma, American Society of Chemical Engineers. Mal Riddell, Cardinal Club, Ralph Cameron, M.O.A.K.S.

Summer graduates: David Womack, Belzoni, B.A. degree; Hugh Crowell, B.A.; Womack and Crowell both accepted to Med School. Recent visitors: John Sorrel, Belzoni; Cullum Halbrook, Belzoni; Dickson Burns, '41; Dale McConethy, Missouri Alpha, '40, in the Army Administration

School at Ole Miss.; Fredric L. Bean, ASTP, stationed at Ole Miss., Nebraska Alpha, '42.

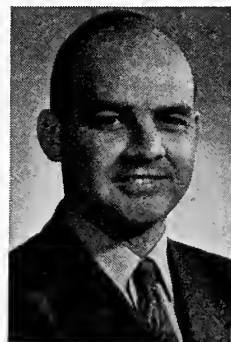
DISTRICT VIII: District Governor George W. Johnson having resigned in 1941, the Executive Committee has appointed Marlyn Smull, California Beta, '25, to the vacancy. Residing in Knoxville, Tenn., with Mrs. Smull, the new District Governor is Assistant Professor of Economics and Coordinator of the School of Business in the University of Tennessee. A "chronic" fraternity visitor, he has visited twenty-six different chapters from Los Angeles to Washington State and New Orleans to Richmond and New York City for no other reason than that he likes the company of brother Sig Eps. He attended the Conclaves at Denver and Los Angeles, was for three years president of his chapter's householding corporation, and was a leader in the purchase program for houses at California Beta and Tennessee Alpha, presently serving as Faculty Adviser at the latter chapter.

Smull was chapter pledgemaster as an active and took part in football and basketball at Dakota Wesleyan, band as well as debate and the literary society, at the University of Southern California. He is a member of Alpha Kappa Psi, Phi Delta Kappa, Phi Delta Gamma, and Aristotelian Literary Society.

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY: Two members of Kentucky Alpha remain on the campus and they are at present living at the chapter house. Mrs. Sweat is operating the house for the chapter this year as a student rooming house.

UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE: Seven actives and two pledges of Tennessee Alpha are meeting weekly at the chapter house at 1533 Laurel Avenue but none are living there. The house has been rented for the duration to a lady who is operating it as a home for war workers.

DISTRICT IX: The new District Governor of Ohio Alpha, Ohio Gamma, Ohio Epsilon, and Michigan Alpha, is Luis Joel Roberts, a member of California Beta, '28, which he served both as comptroller and president. Brother Roberts has always been very active in the Fraternity and is an eager worker for Sig Ep advancement. He was president of the Los Angeles Alumni Chapter until his firm, the B. F. Goodrich Company, brought him on as Field Engineer to its Ohio division. He represented his chapter at the Seattle Conclave in 1928 and was again a delegate to the Los Angeles Conclave in 1940, representing the Los Angeles Alumni Chapter.



ROBERTS

Roberts was active in track on the Trojan campus and became a member of Alpha Kappa Psi, Delta Phi Epsilon, and Blue Key. He was on the *Wampus* staff. His hobbies since college have been squash, football, and aeronautics, and he has membership in the American Society of Chemical Engineers, life membership in both the Southern California Alumni Association and the Los Angeles Athletic Club. He is married and has two children, Ronald and Joella.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN: The chapter house of Michigan Alpha has been leased to the University but the fellows are trying to secure another one. This fall the chapter expects to have about eleven or twelve civilian actives and fifteen to twenty actives in the Navy program being conducted on the campus. With some luck in rushing, this chapter can have another successful year.

OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY: The Ohio Alpha house is closed for the duration and no brothers have been reported back on the campus this fall.

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY: The house is leased to the University for the duration. Five Ohio Gamma actives and one pledge are trying to locate club rooms in order to be better able to carry on chapter activities.

OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY: The Navy is now occupying Ohio Epsilon's chapter house and has spent a good deal of money putting it in shape. The active chapter consists of five members who, it is hoped, will try to rebuild the chapter.

DISTRICT X: Ray S. Thurman, Kentucky Alpha, '26, Governor. Address: W. H. Edgar & Son, 520 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS: The University has leased the Illinois Alpha chapter house for the duration. The alumni have made arrangements to hold monthly meetings and have invited the few remaining actives to meet with them.

PURDUE UNIVERSITY: Thirty-three Indiana Alphans are living in the house, twenty of these being Sig Eps, the rest Pi Kappa Phis. The fellows are conducting rushing campaigns to increase their membership and will undoubtedly be successful because the members of this perennially strong Sig Ep chapter know how much life really means to them in their own home.

DISTRICT XI: C. R. Steinmetz, Wisconsin Beta, '34, Governor. Address: First Wisconsin National Bank Building, Law Firm, Miller, Mack, & Fairchild, 735 North Water Street, Milwaukee, Wis. Brother Steinmetz was appointed Governor in 1942.

CARROLL COLLEGE: Very few members of Wisconsin Gamma returned to college and it is considered unlikely that much activity will take place here during the coming year.

LAWRENCE COLLEGE: The chapter house of Wisconsin Alpha is occupied by the Navy. Over twenty members, including those in the V-12 program, are on the campus. The chapter has been

allowed to retain its chapter room and prospects look good for the coming year.

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN: Wisconsin Beta chapter has given up its house; three remaining members are living together in an apartment at 627 Mendota Court. Latest reports reveal that the alumni and undergraduates are really putting over the BUCK-A-MONTH PLAN.

DISTRICT XIII: District XIII, which has within its bailiwick Kansas Alpha, Kansas Beta, Kansas Gamma, Nebraska Alpha, Missouri Alpha, as well as the Kansas City Alumni Chapter and the Topeka Alumni Association, is now headed by Richard Maurice Sears, Kansas Beta, '22, Topeka insurance man. Since college days he has been a devoted Sig Ep worker, serving his alumni board and alumni association in various official capacities. Brother Sears is the father of two daughters, no sons. He has three Sig Ep relatives, all Kansas Betans.



SEARS

In college Sears participated in football, basketball, and track, and was a member of the K Fraternity. His home address is 1417 MacVicar Street, Topeka, his business connection the New York Life Insurance Company. His hobbies are fishing and hunting.

BAKER UNIVERSITY: One Kansas Alpha active and four pledges are back in college this fall. Four of these men are living in the house and with the help of the alumni and with a little luck in rushing, we think Kansas Alpha will be able to keep its house open for the duration.

KANSAS STATE COLLEGE: Four Kansas Beta brothers are keeping the home fires aflame on this campus. They may well surprise us all and pledge



KANSAS GAMMA: The house at 1420 Ohio Terrace in Lawrence has been given up for the duration.

a large class in spite of the fact that the Army has their house and they are few in number.

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS: The lease on the Kansas Gamma chapter house was given up at the end of school late in May. No one seems to know if any Sig Eps will be back this fall. However, if any return, we are sure that they will do their best to get organized because they will be backed by their brothers in the Service. Hats off to brother Jim Bradley for his interesting and timely *Newsletters* which he circulates among the Kansas Gamma alumni. He can be counted on to give his support to any Sig Ep who may return to the University this fall.

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI: No report. Missouri Alpha Chapter has been definitely closed for the duration. The chapter house is being occupied by the Army.

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA: These fellows are really cooking on the front burners at Nebraska Alpha. We received a report from President Bob Hastert announcing the pledging of thirty men, the house being full to the rafters. This chapter deserves a lot of credit for succeeding on a campus where practically all the other fraternities have given up for the duration.

DISTRICT XIV: Larkin Bailey, California Alpha, '23, Governor. Address: 520 South Boulder Street, Tulsa, Okla.

OKLAHOMA A. & M. COLLEGE: By local Interfraternity Council action, fraternity life is suspended for the duration. Three Oklahoma Alpha Sig Eps are still on the campus and are living at the Sig Ep Annex at 303 Monroe Street. Should the Administration or Interfraternity Council repeal their rulings, Oklahoma Alpha would increase its numbers rapidly as it has done in the past.

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS: Texas Alpha topped all other fraternities on the campus in number of men pledged during summer rush week. Twenty-one men were pledged. Part of the house was redecorated and is overflowing with Sig Eps. "Universities are now operating on a year-round basis, and fraternities are also operating on a full war-time schedule," is the word coming from Historian Ben O. Parham. The chapter's first rush week was held during the month of July. This was a very successful period for Texas Alpha, as reported in the September JOURNAL. The second summer rush week was held in September, and Texas Alpha was again in the highest bracket in number of men pledged. During the summer months when most fraternities found it difficult even to exist, Texas Alpha staged one of its most active social programs in history. Many different types of parties and socials were given; open houses were given frequently, and a party was given after rush week in honor of the new pledges. One week-end the Texas Sig Eps migrated to Dallas, Tex., where parties were held in all the outstanding night spots.

A summer intramural program consisted of ten-

nis and softball. Chances for becoming University softball champions are excellent. The outlook for football is very promising too. Both teams are composed of high school all-star material. Our scholastic rank is among the highest on the campus. In the realm of politics, Robert L. Miller is running for Assemblyman in the school of Arts and Science. He is a Phi Beta Kappa and last year's winner of the Clifford B. Scott Scholarship Award.

This is another Sigma Phi Epsilon chapter that has succeeded on a campus where many other fraternities are about ready to close for the duration.

DISTRICT XV: Consequent to the 1943 Executive Committee Meeting in Richmond, Dr. William Charles Smolenske, Colorado Beta, '12, of Denver, was appointed to the vacancy effected when Louis D. Telk, Colorado Alpha, '23, who supervised Mexico Alpha and the four Colorado chapters; and Edward J. Talbot, Massachusetts Alpha, '34, who supervised Utah Alpha and Wyoming Alpha, were granted leaves.



SMOLENSKE

For many years a member of the dental profession, Dr. Smolenske is one of the busiest of the Fraternity's District Governors. Active in the Denver Alumni chapter, he has also served the national Music Committee, one of his hobbies being music, another baseball.

Born October 8, 1888, in McKeesport, Pa., of German-born Americans, he moved to Denver in 1907, two years later entering Denver University Dental School, working his way as stenographer. Graduating in 1913, he became an instructor in same school, teaching for four years, then entering private practice. For two years he was on staff of the Denver General Hospital.

In the summer of 1910, during the American Dental Association Convention, he was initiated in Delta Sigma Delta Fraternity by the Supreme Chapter; he holds the distinction of being the only member thus initiated. Returning to school that fall, he was elected Scribe to Phi chapter, serving two years and then elevated to the position of Grand Master (president). In 1935 he was elevated to Supreme Grand Master (grand president).

He is a member of the Denver and the American Dental Associations, and an affiliate member of the Chicago Dental Association. He was a member of the El Jebel Shrine quartet for a number of years and active in other Masonic bodies. He was president of the Colorado Christian Endeavor Union for five years and served as vice-president of the International Christian Endeavor

Union for the Rocky Mountain Area for six years. He is at present superintendent of the Montview Boulevard Presbyterian Bible School which has a membership of over one thousand. As a musician he has been in quartet work in several Denver Churches, and he has been in charge of music in conventions in Kansas, Colorado, Texas, Utah, Nebraska, Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Wyoming. Also he was district president of the Boy Scouts for three years.

His home address is 1630 Ivy Street, Denver.

COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES: The Army has taken over the Colorado Delta chapter house on Fifteenth Street and now the chapter is located at 815 Sixteenth Street, the house in which this chapter was installed. Eight actives and three pledges are back in college. The chapter feeds over fifty men including other fraternity men and independents in its dining room. This chapter is in a good position to operate for the duration. We expect any day to hear that the fellows have secured a good-sized pledge class.

COLORADO STATE COLLEGE:

The chapter house of Colorado Gamma is occupied by CPT students but the chapter has reserved its chapter room for its own use. No reports have come in recently which tell us how many men will return this fall. Our guess is that the number will be very small.

UNIVERSITY OF

COLORADO: Chapter operation at Colorado Alpha has been suspended for the duration. The University has leased our house and is using it to house WAVES who are studying Japanese.

UNIVERSITY OF DENVER: Colorado Beta's home has been leased to the University for the duration. The active chapter, although small in number, is carrying on a strenuous rushing campaign. The fellows are holding meetings at a brother's home.

UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO: The New Mexico Alpha chapter house is still being used by the University. Only one active is left in school and he is trying to carry on with the help of several interested alumni.

UTAH STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE: Utah Alpha ended the year with \$1,375 in Defense Bonds. It looks as though no one will return this fall but if even one active returns, Utah Alpha will exist because the brothers in this chapter are determined to see that Sigma Phi Epsilon remains active on the campus if doing so remains within human power.

UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING: Wyoming Alpha, our baby chapter, is proving to be a chapter worthy among the worthiest in the whole of Sig Ep history. There are fifteen men living in the house. Wyoming Alpha decided to go to work and become the top fraternity on the campus. A glance at their last report on pledges reveals that they have done exactly this. Their pledge class is reported to be three times as large as that of any other fraternity on the campus.

DISTRICT XVI: Ralph E. Fields, Montana Alpha, '25, Governor. Address: 235 South Sixth Street, Missoula, Mont.

MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY: The Montana Alpha chapter hopes to live in its house this fall even though only two or three actives are expected back. Much depends on how many freshmen enroll for the next term.

WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE: Very few men are expected back at Washington Alpha. So far we have not yet received word whether or not the chapter will live in its house. If any of the groups succeed on this campus during the coming year, we can be sure that Sigma Phi Epsilon will get its share of the success.

DISTRICT XVII: Harold B. Robinson, Oregon Alpha, '21, Governor. Address: Robinson & Morris Engineering Company, 305 Southwest Fifth Avenue, Portland, Ore.

OREGON STATE COLLEGE: The fraternity house of Oregon Alpha will be operated by the college as dormitory units to house women and civilian men. Fraternity activity has been suspended by the Interfraternity Council for the duration. There were, as of mid-September, but four Sig Eps left on the campus.

OREGON UNIVERSITY: The fraternity house at the University of Oregon will be operated by the University as dormitory units to house women and civilian men. Fraternity activity has been suspended by the Interfraternity Council for the duration. There are at present two Oregon Beta Sig Eps left on the campus.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON: Chapter activity has been suspended for the duration. The Washington Beta house has been sold and the alumni have put away money to help start up this chapter after the war.



**COLORADO GAMMA
ALUMNI TREASURER
JOHN L. HOERNER**



OREGON ALPHA: Fraternity activity is suspended.

DISTRICT XVIII: One of the five appointments to District Governorships made at the 1943 Executive Committee Meeting in Richmond concerns the District which comprises California Alpha, California Beta, and the Los Angeles Alumni chapter, and its appointed head, Paul B. Slater, California Beta, '30. He is also the president of California Beta's alumni board and was president for two years and secretary for five of the Los Angeles Alumni chapter. He was Assistant Conclave Director at Los Angeles in 1940.



SLATER

On the Southern California campus as an undergraduate Slater was business manager of the *Wampus*, humor magazine, a feature writer for the *Daily Trojan*, and president of the Commerce sophomore class. He also participated in freshman basketball and track. He is a member of Alpha Kappa Psi, Beta Alpha Psi, Alpha Eta Rho and received his B.S. degree in Business Administration.

Some time after graduation Slater was a salesman for Western Lithograph Company, but joined Shaw & Company, aircraft supply agents located in Los Angeles, and is today the general manager.

He is an ardent worker for Sig Ep and spends some of his spare time at gardening, both vegetable and flower. He also likes swimming, badminton, squash, handball, and watching the Trojans play football. His home address is 426 Segovia Avenue, San Gabriel, Calif. He is married but has no children.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA: The chapter is still living in its house at 2420 Le Conte Avenue and expects to continue to live there for the duration. California Alpha is most fortunate in having a fine landlord who bends over backwards to be fair with the fellows. At present the chapter has sixteen men living inside and twelve outside. It is not presently known at the Central Office how many of these men are brothers.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA: The California Betans have moved out of their house and a housekeeper-manager has been hired to run the chapter house as a rooming house for defense workers. Eight to ten civilian actives and fifteen to twenty actives in the Service are expected back this fall. The chapter intends to continue as many regular activities as possible.

DISTRICT XX: Edward E. Axthelm, Iowa Beta, '16, Governor. Address: 2022 Willis Avenue, Perry, Iowa.

IOWA STATE COLLEGE: Iowa Beta chapter house has been leased to the college for the dura-

tion. At least six civilian actives and ten actives in the Navy are back on the campus this fall. These men will operate in a new headquarters until their house is returned to them after the war.

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY: Iowa Gamma chapter house has been leased to the University. No actives are reported back on this campus. We are hopeful that at least one or two actives will show up this fall.

IOWA WESLEYAN: The chapter house of Iowa Alpha has been turned into apartments which are being rented by outsiders. Three actives are reported back and they are working hard to rebuild their chapter. Moreover, we will quietly bet that if any fraternity has a chapter at Iowa Wesleyan this year, it will be Sigma Phi Epsilon.

DISTRICT XXI: Charles R. Gies, Pennsylvania Eta, '34, Governor. Address: Ridgewood Apartments, Ridgewood Avenue, West View, Pa.

BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY: The Pennsylvania Kappa chapter house has been purchased by the University and has been converted into a Navy dining-hall. Eight actives, including civilians, Marines, and Navy men are back on the campus, making plans to carry on chapter activities.

PENNSYLVANIA STATE COLLEGE: The University has leased the Pennsylvania Eta house and it is now being used to house Army students. Three Sig Eps left on the campus are trying to carry on limited chapter activity.

WESTMINSTER COLLEGE: Pennsylvania Lambda is still living in its chapter house. Five actives and two pledges are left on the campus. Some farm land owned by the chapter was sold this summer and the proceeds used to reduce the mortgage on the house and to provide working capital for the chapter. Historian Donald Haight reported in mid-August: "We have achieved our aim—to keep the house open. Eight men lived in and there were always visiting service men over the week-ends. Robert Montague and Frank O'Hara graduated since last chapter report. We held an all-college houseparty on August 14 and started a new pledge class the last week of summer school. The Army arrived in September." The boys pledge that "with our remaining members we shall keep the chapter alive."

UNIVERSITY OF WEST VIRGINIA: Chapter house has been given back to the landlord. All West Virginia Beta actives have left the campus. The alumni are holding frequent meetings in order to retain the Sig Ep spirit in Morgantown.

HISTORIANS! This is a time when Sig Ep men in the service all over the world are eager for news from the chapters they have left. Please send your reports and pictures for next Journal by no later than December 20, to John Robson, Editor, 9 Field End Lane, Tuckahoe 7, New York. Let's show them we're alive!



THE PROFESSORS WERE CONSIDERATE

THE IOWA BETA CHAPTER HOUSE FIRE

BY C. WALT HAMMOND

COMPTROLLER, IOWA BETA

Iowa State dwelling suffered \$10,000 damage in spring fire, plus \$8,000 personal loss by actives; freshmen women have moved in.

ON MAY 29 fire swept the chapter house of the Iowa State College, in Ames, leaving behind it a badly damaged dwelling and thirty-three homeless Sig Eps.

It all started on a Saturday afternoon. Iowa Beta had planned a picnic for that evening and members were already leaving the house by five-thirty. I had just come from an adjoining sorority house with Jean Cummings, accompanied by our dates. Jean turned to me with a question about the smoke which he noticed came from the roof of the Sig Ep house. An alarm was spread. In ten minutes the entire attic was ablaze. A bucket brigade was formed to attempt control of the increasing flames.

Two fire trucks arrived shortly and the hoses were brought into use on the top floor. The excitement aroused the entire campus and a large crowd gathered. District Governor E. E. Axthelm and Alumni Comptroller Otto Freese were notified and Warren Yunker, chapter president, called his council together to organize removal of all furnishings and personal effects from the endangered house. Volunteers from the other fraternities rushed over and asked for assignments from the Sig Ep council and President Yunker. A line was formed up to the house for passing out smaller articles. Smaller groups carried out the furniture. Several of the third-floor rooms were now out of reach but all other rooms were cleaned out and the parlor, balcony, and hallways cleared com-

pletely. Within an hour the house (capable of housing more than fifty men) was cleared of all removable articles and all forces were turned on the fire.

The fire was finally out at 8:00 P.M., two and one half hours after the first smoke was noticed. All belongings which had been removed from the house were scattered about the neighborhood, on lawns, in streets, in basements, garages, and even up in trees. Under President Yunker's direction all articles were gathered to the Sig Ep lawn and contiguous houses. The chapter then broke into smaller groups to claim lost articles. After sunset lights were strung to aid night workers. House-mother Haerem organized emergency squads. Buffet meals and hot coffee were generously served by the Chi Omega, Kappa Delta, and Sigma Kappa sororities. All chapter members stayed on the grounds all of that night and the next day, sleeping in shifts and watching the grounds. A steady rain started about midnight, damaging many personal belongings. The furniture had been moved into neighboring garages. On the day following temporary lodgings were obtained in other fraternities. Study for final examinations, which began the following Tuesday, was hampered by the loss of books and notes, but most of the professors were considerate.

The Alumni Board, headed by District Governor Axthelm and Comptroller Freese, promptly started the machinery for restoration.

A final check on the fire showed ten thousand dollars damages to house and furnishings. The entire attic and walls of the third floor were destroyed; severe water damage was done to the walls and flooring in the basement and lower



HOUSEMOTHER HAEREM GAVE DIRECTIONS

floors. Personal damages amounted to another eight thousand dollars, with individual accounts varying from ten dollars to seven hundred dollars.

Materials were granted by the War Production Board and reconstruction began immediately. Warren Yunker, president, Jack Lynch, secretary, Carl Olson, historian, and I moved back into the house and lived in rooms on the ground floor during the latter part of the summer and worked for the contractors in charge of the rebuilding.

While the third floor of the house was not in the final stages of being refinished until mid-October, the college moved freshmen women in when the term began, and the front door of good old Sig Ep is open again.

MISSISSIPPI ALPHA IS ON TOP

BY DAVID WOMACK, JR.

COMPTROLLER, MISSISSIPPI ALPHA

How a handful of collegians with no means save willing minds and great hearts brushed aside every obstacle to reach their goal.

MISSISSIPPI ALPHA is on top. In one short year, a year of wartime hazards and handicaps, the Sig Eps at the University of Mississippi have jumped from one of the smaller fraternities to the largest organization on the campus. The whole campus is astounded by its performance, wondering how this small group could have skyrocketed in so short a time.

Mississippi Alpha is proud of her spirit of brotherhood. Four years ago the chapter started the year with a total of six men. The boys had no house but rented rooms in the basement of an old building on the campus. They had some good alumni but no association. Considering material possessions, they had nothing to offer a pledge. They had something, however, something that many fraternities on the campus did not have: They had a stock of spirit that would not be daunted. It is the same spirit that attended the birth of Sigma Phi Epsilon. Had it not been for the dogged determination of a noble few who prepared the way, Mississippi Alpha would have perished long before our college generation had taken over. These men, like the founders of our brotherhood, faced great adversity but they had the determination to make a success no matter though the odds be millions to one.

During rush week they didn't get a pledge. The competition was too stiff to touch. But before the year was over they had twenty members. Members that were gotten the hard way. Meanwhile debts were accumulating; they were many, more, it seemed, than our boys could ever pay. But these twenty men had the determination to make a success. That year the Mississippi Alpha began

her slow uphill climb toward recognition. Slowly they went, paying when they could, buying needed things when they could, but most of the time doing without.

Now came the summer of 1942. Sig Ep was still renting rooms in the old building, but they had moved from the basement to the first floor—a big step. It was at this point that I arrived on the campus. I was rushed by the groups on Fraternity Row. I was impressed. A few others and I saw that this Sig Ep group had something that we couldn't seem to find in the other fraternities. We became pledges.

During the summer of 1942 we held our meetings in the chapter rooms. Here as pledges we learned a lot about the spirit of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Now came the fall, 1942 session. With it an Army school was moved into the University. The Sig Eps took advantage of the congested situation on the campus and obtained permission to rent a house in the city of Oxford. It was a house that compared very shabbily with those on Fraternity Row, but we were, at last, to have a home.

That fall semester was a hard one, the cost of living was high, our income small. There was much organizing to do, many adjustments to be made. We had to learn to run a house. There were mistakes, costly ones. Sometimes there was not enough coal to keep the house comfortable, other times there was a broken water pipe, sometimes the members were compelled to stoke the furnace in a flooded cellar. It was hard, that first semester out in town, but there was one thing in that house that gave the touch of triumph to all our battles. I call it the Sig Ep spirit.

At the end of the first semester the Army took many boys from our group, reducing our membership considerably. But again by hard rushing and the cooperation of every man we managed to pledge five good men.

The battle was merely beginning. For as the spring semester progressed times became even harder, more men were called into service. Expenses seemed to mount. Sig Ep met its obligations by special assessments. By the end of the session we were wondering whether or not we would make it.

Then summer came and it was like a new day, for things began immediately to take a turn for the better. Our rent was reduced considerably and as a result of rush week three good pledges came into our group. Back dues that we had never expected to collect were paid up.

Before the end of July we had pledged eight more men, making a total of eleven pledges for the summer. Most of the other fraternities got two or three.

At this point we discovered joyfully that good alumni don't desert a good chapter; they stand behind it. Our interested alumni soon formed an association; today it has a small beginning but it is a start. By the time we talked to our alumni we were out of debt and had money in the bank.

Johnny Caughman, '31, a charter member, is our alumni treasurer. Others are helping him to get the ball rolling; it has started and as it goes it should gain momentum so that soon Mississippi Alpha will have a strong alumni association. The association has decided upon assessing each alumnus a twenty-five dollar war bond yearly. We are receiving good support.

With the opening of the fall session, we are

starting properly. First, some of the men who had left in June came back. Second, our rush prospects this time are better than they have been for some time. And, third, *Mississippi Alpha has a new house, this time on Fraternity Row!* We are in better shape than we ever have been and good news is coming from everywhere. But just so we won't forget our formula for successful operation, I've written it out. Here are the steps:

1. Have the *Determination* to win, no matter what the odds.
2. Pick a good leader and *Follow Him*, doing everything possible to stamp out internal friction.
3. If you are in debt make an attempt to get out; if not, save your assets.
4. Boast of your Fraternity as the best yet, have *confidence*.
5. *Rush always*; never stop.
6. Have faith in God, the Almighty Architect, who gave us that which philosophers call Creation.

We here in Mississippi believe that these are the elements that constitute the true spirit and mettle of Sigma Phi Epsilon manhood.

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FARRELL & FARRELL: Two Sig Ep brothers, Carl Y. Farrell, Colorado Delta (left) Major, Corps of Engineers, and Area Engineer, Camp Livingston and vicinity, explains layout of an airfield being constructed under his jurisdiction for heavy bombers with his brother, Robert F. Farrell, Alabama Alpha, Lieutenant, Army Air Corps, and instructor at the Army Air Forces Bombardier School, Deming, N.M.



"CHAPTER" AT CAMP WOLTERS

Fate and Uncle Sam have brought Sig Eps from many states to a stimulating atmosphere of brotherhood while they train at Camp Wolters, Texas.

THE effect conveyed by throwing together several photographs of Army men in congenial poses does not, to be sure, represent a true picture of what Army camp life is really like. It almost prompts a remark such as: "This ain't the Army!" Well, whether the pictures and paragraphs on these two pages are representative or not, they do very splendidly convey a real phase of the atmosphere that is the rule in the active chapters of Sigma Phi Epsilon. *And they are true!*

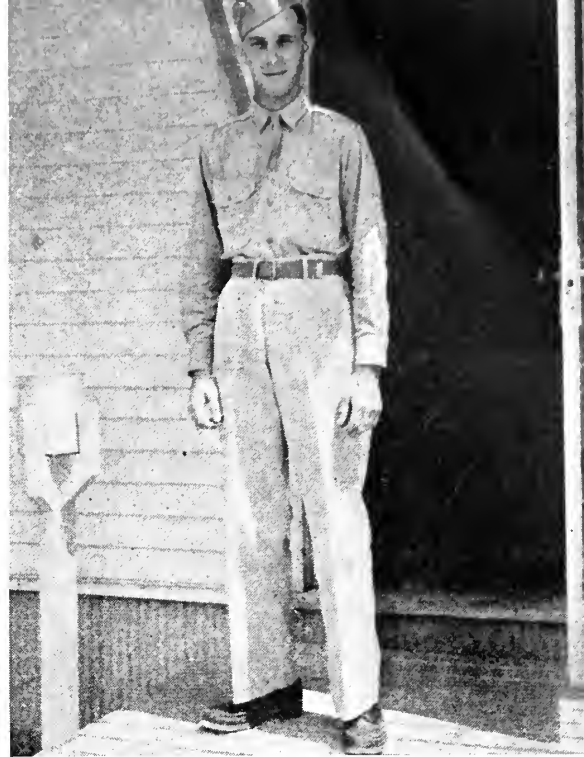
The seven Sig Eps in the group picture have all been selected for the Army Specialized Training Program and will return to school upon completion of their basic training at Wolters.

Identified by chapters, they are (left to right): Privates William R. Bradley, Delaware Alpha, University of Delaware; Richard

G. Lesser, New Hampshire Alpha, Dartmouth; William T. Lindsay, New York Delta, Rensselaer. Privates Clarence B. Huxley, Vermont Beta, Middlebury College; James F. Sterner, Robert C. Levis and John M. Ryan, all of Delaware Alpha, University of Delaware.

A pair of Sig Ep buddies, also from the East (pictured on opposite page), Private Richard T. Miller and Private William J. Myers, both of North Carolina Epsilon, who in the Autumn completed their basic training at this Infantry Replacement Training Center. Classmates at Davidson College and buddies at Wolters, they were at length destined to part, their duties taking them in separated stations. Miller, whose home is in Canandaigua, N.Y., is enrolled in the Army Specialized Training Program. Myers, from Toronto, Ohio, was accepted for Air Corps Cadet Training.

The Northwest of Sigma Phi Epsilon's domain is represented by 1st Lt. Lawrence F. Neumann, Washington Alpha, '43, who is the adjutant of the 56th Training Battalion at this Infantry Replacement Training



Center. Lt. Neumann's home is in Seattle. A Sig Ep who came to Wolters from Oklahoma is Private Lake Maddox, Oklahoma Alpha (right hand page, upper right); he is completing his basic training at this Infantry Replacement Training Center. Private Maddox, whose home is in Fort Gibson, Okla. attended Oklahoma A. and M. College. From the Southwest comes Pfc. William Z. Gossett, Texas Alpha, '42, who is assigned to the Finance Department and stationed at Headquarters at Wolters. Pfc. Gossett is from Dallas and attended the University of Texas at Austin (right hand page, lower right).

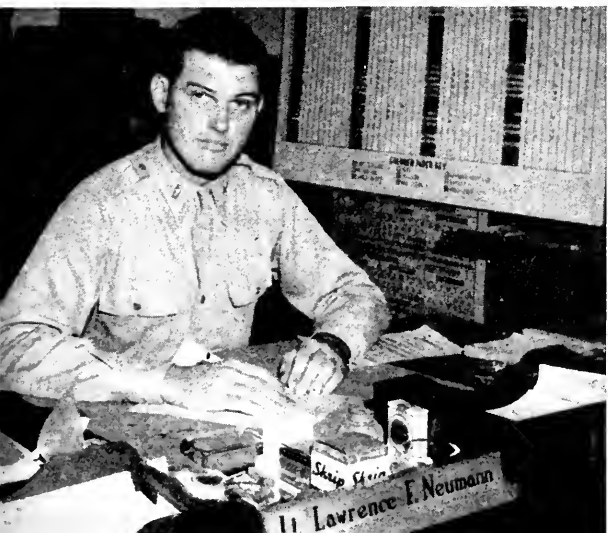
Another wearer of the heart (not pictured) is 1st Lt. Kenneth W. Smith, Oregon Alpha, '40, who won his promotion to the grade of captain, at Wolters. He had served as instructor in the clerk's school and cur-

rently as adjutant of a training battalion at the Wolters Infantry Replacement Training Center.

A resident of Los Angeles, Capt. Smith was employed with the Firestone Tire and Rubber Co., Akron, Ohio, before joining the service. He is a graduate of the Rifle and Heavy Weapons course for Infantry Officers at Fort Benning, Ga. He completed this military training in April, 1942. His home while at Wolters is in nearby Weatherford, Tex. Mrs. Smith is the former Eileen McAlister of Portland, Ore.

★ ★ *As so often happens, the office-holding and office-seeking class blocks the road of the people toward those higher and finer things which it is in their heart to accomplish.*

— Nicholas Murray Butler.





OUR ARMIES MUST EAT

The powdered egg plant of Nicholas L. Simmons, Lawrence College, '14, the largest in the world, processes a ton of eggs a day to feed troops.

WHEN the story of the production miracles that are to make victory for the United Nations possible is set down, at least a brief chapter of the voluminous tale could well be devoted to Nicholas L. Simmons, *Lawrence College, '14*.

HELPS FEED ARMIES

Son of a cheese manufacturer, N. L. Simmons, president of the Marshfield Dairy Products Co. and Stock-Gro, Inc., has been in the dairy business all his life. He invented the 5-pound loaf of cheese as well as a process for concentrating whey.

The waging of war has been revolutionized since Napoleon's time, but even in the new era of planes and tanks and steel ships, wars are won by the men behind the guns, and, as in Bonaparte's day, the men behind the guns are no better than the food which gives them strength and will to fight.

Mr. Simmons's powdered-egg producing plant in Marshfield, Wisconsin, is not only sending men and weapons to the fighting fronts of the world and raising money to back them, but is also doing more than its share to see that the armies of the allied powers are better fed than those of their adversaries.

At the rate of one ton during each of the 24 hours of the day, food for fighting forces and famished noncombatants rolls out of this plant of the Marshfield Dairy Products Co., and every ton of it represents, not just 2,000 pounds of food, but 200 cases of 30 dozen fresh eggs.

The story of what happened to make a ramshackle building first a profitable dairy by-products business and then—in the brief period between July 1, 1941 and the present—the largest egg drying plant in the world, is a story of loyalty and enterprise and co-operation, but more than anything else it is the story of a Lawrence College Sig Ep and his ideas.

Butterfat in His Blood

Nick Simmons was born the son of a cheese manufacturer at Neenah, in America's Dairyland, something like half a century ago and has never been able to separate the butterfat from his blood.

As a young man he operated his own cheese factories at Birnamwood and Wittenberg in Shawano County, and it was at Wittenberg that he began, in 1924, his experiments with whey, a by-product of cheese.

Nick Simmons was the originator, at Appleton in 1918, of the five-pound loaf of cheese. Wisconsin's famous dairy product,



THE PLANT IN MARSHFIELD, WIS.

prior to that time, was manufactured only in the large and unwieldy forms which still make its merchandising difficult. Nevertheless, Nick still has the reputation of having made the largest cheese ever manufactured, a giant weighing 31,964 pounds.

He sold his patents to the Armour Company in 1920, and in 1925 he resumed his experiments with whey at Birnamwood, where he condensed the cheese by-product for the Pabst Company. He sold his interests to Kraft-Phoenix in 1927, when he became vice-president and general manager of that organization.

In 1931, he also sold his whey drying patents to Kraft-Phoenix, and in 1932 began new research on concentrated whey at Hopkinsville, Kentucky. In 1938 he established a whey evaporating plant at Wapakoneta, Ohio.

The method of drying whey which Mr Simmons developed is now used by the Hercules Powder Company and Western Condensing Company, as well as by Kraft-Phoenix and Borden and Company.

It was through his friendship for Charles M. Pors [Wisconsin Alpha, '14] his Sig Ep roommate at Lawrence College, that Simmons was attracted to Marshfield when the time for expanding his new business arrived.

Pors, who has been practicing law in Marshfield since 1919 when he got out of the Army, induced Simmons to come to the city with the result that a new plant was placed in operation as a whey condensing establishment and now operates three large evaporators.

Stock-Gro, Inc., as this division of the business is known, collects whey from dairy

plants within a 50-mile radius of Marshfield and concentrates it. This product has as its base whey which has been condensed to paste form and fortified with natural vitamin mineral amino acids in such a way as to make it far superior to ordinary dried whey or dried milk by-products. The Marshfield and Wapakoneta plants, together the world's largest condensers of whey, condense 60,000,000 pounds of whey annually.

The feed is used extensively by Midwest growers of turkeys, hogs, and chickens, and it is used in the production of many of the eggs which come back to Stock-Gro's affiliate, the Marshfield Dairy Products Company, for processing as food for humans.

The Marshfield Dairy Products Company, an allied corporation which was formed in 1941, has grown to be the larger of the two enterprises. This plant began the drying or dehydrating of eggs in July of that year when the Federal Government contracted for its output, and since then has produced eight million pounds of egg powder. A remarkable accomplishment of the plant is its fabrication of machinery to meet its own needs.

Two states, Wisconsin and Minnesota, provide most of the eggs which the local firm converts into dried egg powder. Wood County's normal yearly output of eggs would keep the plant's driers busy for less than a week, and the annual production of Wood, Clark, and Marathon Counties together would be packed in barrels within a month at the present rate of processing, which is 1,728,000 eggs a day.

The plant's refrigerators do a job equivalent to the consuming of 50 tons of ice a day. Eighty trucks deliver raw materials daily,

EGGS BEFORE DEHYDRATION—AND WOMEN WORKERS WHO HELP PROCESS THEM





DRIED WHOLE EGGS BARRELED FOR SHIPMENT

and from this material 300,000 pounds of water is evaporated each day. The firms spend \$2,000 a month in Marshfield for electrical energy, \$600 a month for water. The egg drying plant pays \$50,000 a day for eggs.

The advantages of the dried egg product over the fresh egg are numerous from the quartermaster's point of view. Easier handling, lighter weight, better keeping qualities, economy of shipping space are chief among them.

Just as Stock-Gro, Inc., utilizes a dairy waste product to manufacture food for the hens that will lay eggs for the Marshfield Dairy Products Company's driers, so the latter enterprise sends out the residue of its product, eggshells, to fertilize the soil that will feed the cows that provide Stock-Gro with raw material. Fourteen tons of eggshells are hauled free, each day, to farms in the Marshfield vicinity where their calcium content helps to revitalize the soil.

Although the business has expanded to its present size as a direct result of the war effort, Simmons, who owns 80 per cent of its stock, has no intention of permitting it to shrink when the war has been won.

As to Nick Simmons' days at Lawrence, Charley Pors avers that his cheese-loving roommate was a bright and likeable mem-

ber of the Fraternity, though a luminous example of the principle that a man can spend a considerable amount of time getting acquainted with the co-eds and engage in other extracurricular pursuits, and still get by.

"While I was rooming with Nick," Pors says, "he spent much of his time in the cheese business with the result that our room usually smelled of paraffin. He also enjoyed perpetrating practical jokes, such as putting live rabbits in the men's beds."

Pors, who has lived virtually his whole life in Marshfield, was instrumental in organizing the Marshfield Building & Loan Association in 1919, and has been its secretary and general manager ever since. Until a year or two ago he has also been District Attorney in that community.

Simmons vows that Pors is the only one to blame for getting him into the business, adding that Charley was known as "Deac" at Lawrence and was a very pious and scholarly student. However, in the subsequent years, as a man about Marshfield, his old roommate has gone in for some more levitating diversions, Simmons says. A further Simmons sidelight on Pors is given as follows: "When Charley was in college he had a very highly developed admiration for red colors, as a consequence of which our room was painted bright red; in fact, during the painting considerable was spilled out the window necessitating the repainting of that side of the house."

Nicholas Simmons himself believes that a career at Lawrence College has a lot to endorse it, and that a career in the Sig Ep chapter there fills in the important gaps that the routine of the liberal arts curriculum can't quite plug.

"If I have had any success in life," he attests, "certainly I owe much to my fraternity brothers at Appleton, Wisconsin, back in 1910 to 1914. They were really a fine, upright, highminded group of young men, and all of them, I am sure, have made reasonable successes in life. Their principles were the sound, honest principles of hard work and a performance of the service for the compensation that makes success everywhere."

(Adapted and condensed from the Marshfield, Wisconsin, News-Herald.)

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

ALUMNI of a ripening vintage can personally recall twenty-five years ago as the time of another war. The fall issue of the JOURNAL in the year 1918 appropriately carried the American flag on its cover and under the illustration this quotation from Woodrow Wilson: "We solemnly purpose a decisive victory."

Inside the pages there are some admonitions to the alumni by Grand Secretary William L. Phillips concerning Sig Ep co-operation during the stringent days of the war when little manpower remained in the colleges.

Farther along in this issue and in contrast to the war spirit there is the concluding installment of what surprisingly purports to be a serial titled "The Patriarch." Written by William Ellison Harvey, a synopsis of preceding installments begins with this sentence:

Old man Canby, a wealthy cattle breeder, argues that no man can be worthy of recognition unless he is married; but the only maiden to whom he would entrust the future of his son is Lola Campion, whose brief career at Vassar has made her fastidious on the subject of all institutions pronounced "Varsity."

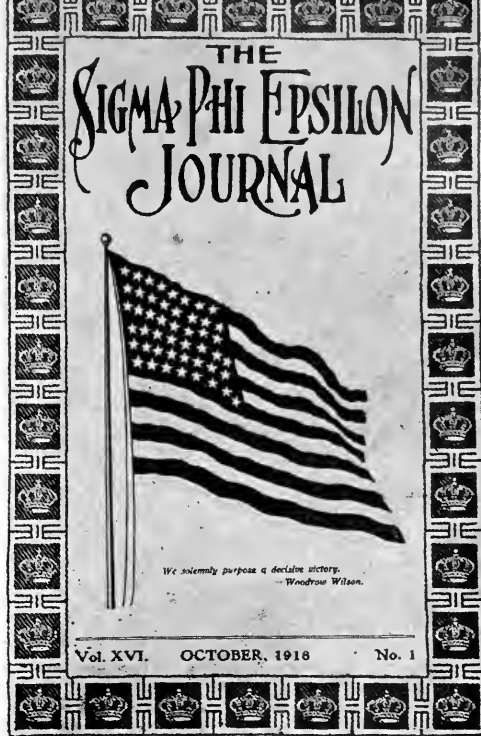
Upon pages following this story appear the names of thirty Sig Ep doughboys who had registered at the American University Union in Paris by August 1, 1918.

In the editorial section William Ellison Harvey, apparently a versatile writer, ends an interesting exhortation with this passage which is strikingly appropriate today:

What remains for us is to disprove the forecasts of pessimists, to enter upon the new session with a smile. That, after all, is the true spirit of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

In this issue are still other sentences which have a strangely familiar ring. Wrote Historian W. A. Gehlbach of Illinois Alpha:

The old fraternity life of yesterday at Illinois



is but a memory, for today we are all brothers-in-arms. Our chapter house has been leased by the University and has been turned into a barracks for the housing of members of the S.A.T.C. [Students' Army Training Corps.] Some of our men have been assigned to the house, some have been stationed at other houses about the campus. The chapter expects to rent a suite of rooms somewhere near the campus, where we will hold our meetings and gather for the social times we hope to have in the short period allotted to us.

And then the letter continues, this time in a note of a sorrow that is similarly familiar today:

Our first gold star honors the life and deeds of . . .

Here follows the name of Brother Louis Irving Phillis, '18, Lieutenant Signal Corps, killed at Tours, France, July 19, 1918.

It is perhaps fitting to close this visit to the past by a brief paragraph from the chapter letter of Nebraska Alpha.

Our rushing this year was the best ever, and we succeeded in pledging nineteen of the best men in the University. There were but eight old men back at the beginning of the year, but with the old pep and spirit we pushed things through.

And so let us all pray might Nebraska Alpha men of the fall of 1943 and the men of all her sister chapters have such a spirit!

★ ★ *I told you so; there is no inspiration in Christianity now.*—Jacques Louis David:



MONTANA STATE'S JOURNALISM DEAN FORD

FRONT-PAGE FACTORY

By **JAMES L. C. FORD**

WISCONSIN ALPHA

An experienced press association expert tells the story of the "news mill" and its vital, heroic role in wartime.

FL-A-S-H!

The teletypes' smooth stream of words suddenly stops as the punchers break and put in the flash direct. They ring their bells and time it off as in a thousand city rooms, all over the country, printers pound out the flash and telegraph editors, on their toes, know that hot news is coming up. An extra is being born: the front-page factory hits the heads with a spot break that sizzles and bursts into screaming banners.

And what is the front-page factory, whose

workers are men apart, whose techniques are masonic mysteries to the newspaper reader? It is actually the press association, a never-sleeping organization that gathers news at a thousand different points throughout the world and relays it to the rest of the world, functioning twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, three hundred and sixty-five days a year, tireless, omniscient, omnipresent. The press association gives the modern newspaper both its skeleton and its guts. This magic trinity—the Associated Press, the United Press, and International News Service—covers the world.

Aside from the "flash" which is perhaps the only picturesque element in the whole routine, the press association is a factory, producing pretty much a standardized product. Men gather the news, it's true, but machines take care of the rest and, hour after hour, the unending report keeps coming on the ribbon of yellow paper, unrolling off the teletypes, an endless conveyor belt of battles and blackouts and politics and divorces.

The only thing that distinguishes it from an automobile factory or a canning plant is that it deals exclusively with the lives and emotions of men and women. Therefore its operations absorb a little of the human interest from the product. As a wire filer, you may get bored silly day after day with the dull monotonous job of supplying fodder for the teletypes on your wires—but, once in a while, along comes a flash from the war front and you get a decided lift out of the rut. Especially, when competitive tension fires the instinctive rivalry in your blood, and you feel the tug of loyalty and pull for the UP or the AP to come through first. Bobbles, of course, crop out of this rivalry to get it first—although the errors are few and far between, on the whole when the fielding average is totaled up.

Classic among the muffs was Roy Howard's fake armistice by which the then-president of the United Press called off World War I three days early. Alibi was that an indiscreet American admiral in Bordeaux gave him a phony tip which Howard took at face value.

Tables were turned in the Lindbergh kidnapping trial of Bruno Hauptmann. The



UNITED PRESS MAIN NEWSROOM, DAILY NEWS BUILDING, NEW YORK HEADQUARTERS

jury was out killing time until a decent interval had elapsed. Finally they marched back to tell Hauptmann his fate and entered the courtroom. And, "FLASH," roared a hundred AP bureau chiefs as they bellowed the news that Hauptmann had been found guilty and *condemned to life imprisonment*. Extras poured off the presses, newsboys ran up and down the streets, shrieking—and in the New York offices of the UP and INS, executives sat silently, shivering in their boots and burning up the wires to Flemington.

What happened? The AP got caught that time in this rivalry that puts the circulation battle of newspapers to shame. They measure their infrequent exclusive triumphs by extras and a half-hour beat is something to cheer about. But the press associations measure their successes by seconds and minutes.

The bogus AP Hauptmann flash resulted from this strategic duel for precedence—and profits. Intensely desirous of getting it first, the AP figured out a short-wave radio scheme. A simple code was arranged and all was set. But, unfortunately, for the AP, the *New York Daily News* had the same idea and same basic code, only a more elaborate one. And when the jury entered the courtroom the

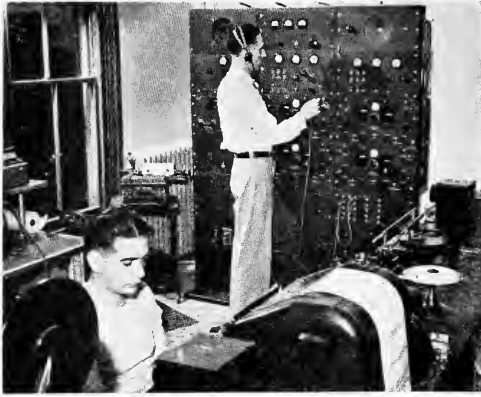
Daily News man sent his agreed dots and dashes. In New York, the AP picked it up, the message according to the AP code meant life imprisonment, and so out went the flash accordingly.

That's just a sample of the daily battle that goes on between the press associations in their fight to get the news to their clients first.

The AP is the oldest, of course, and the most firmly established in the United States. The UP is strong in South America and has many clients in Europe and Asia, while the AP is a late-comer in the world field. So the score abroad evens it up. The INS runs third in the press association race.

Yet no other single element today has such a monopoly on both the sources of information and molding opinion. The newspapers—with few exceptions—obtain all their out of town news and often even purely local stories from the press associations. Radio undoubtedly serves to make public opinion also but where does radio get most of its world-wide news if not from the press associations?

Expense and organization involved in establishing a first-rank press association



UNITED PRESS LISTENING POST AT
VALHALLA, N.Y.

undoubtedly are the factors which have made them the powerful news trusts that they are. The AP's expense, of course, is shared by a swarm of big and small papers but it took E. W. Scripps and Hearst, two millionaire newspaper chain potentates, to ante up both the men and money needed for world coverage.

A typical press association such as the United Press runs on a budget of about \$10,500,000 a year and has 600 men in the United States and another 150 full-time correspondents abroad to gather and distribute news. In addition, an army of five or six thousand "string" correspondents protects it after a fashion when and wherever a story breaks. Its cable tolls from abroad average ten million words a year at from a nickel to two bucks or more a word. Expenses include anything from \$60,000 for a national election to \$5 for a pith hat in Burma. And it collects \$18 a week from a "pony" client who gets a condensed news summary for five minutes over a telephone every day or \$2,500 weekly from a paper like the *New York Daily News* which gets 24-hour-a-day service on three or four wires.

The client newspaper is God and can do no wrong. As a result of this customer-is-always-right angle you get such ludicrous results as the plaintive 95 from Portland when King Albert of Belgium tumbled down a pile of rocks and broke his neck. The *Portland Journal* explained that "kings just don't break their necks climbing mountains" and "therefore please investigate and find

out just how he was assassinated or what was the inside story anyway?"

Nowadays, the press associations are pretty careful to keep their skirts clean by supplying only facts and stories which they have gathered themselves. The early days of competition, however, found them busy lifting stories from each other.

But today it is a ninety-nine per cent serious world. The art of sacrifice is in vogue, and not the art of playing pranks. After the Axis had been driven out of Tunisia the magazine *Editor & Publisher* estimated that the casualty rate among press correspondents was three to four times greater proportionately than battle casualties of the United States Army. It gave these figures: twelve dead, three missing, sixty wounded, and twenty-nine captured or interned and still held. No glamorous cinema ending in these.

Press associations today are doing the biggest job they have ever undertaken, and their correspondents unquestionably are turning in performances that outrank Richard Harding Davis at his best. I am thinking of such men as Leo Disher, who requested an assignment to ride a Coast Guard cutter into Oran at the start of the North African campaign. He was wounded fifteen times in the ensuing action, crawled into Oran on his elbows, and dictated his story from a hospital cot. The "unsinkable" Larry Allen of Associated Press, who has risked his neck any number of times to get outstanding stories. Henry Gorrell, who won the U. S. Air Medal for "extreme gallantry of conduct under fire" while covering the bombing of Navarino Bay from a plane engaged in the attack, and many, many others.

And in the heroics of reporting competition a new high was reached when three months of preparation in advance were involved on the part of United Press to enable its correspondents to stage a three-day beat with their stories out of Lourenco Marques after their release from Tokyo.

There may be fun in the front-page factory at times, but there is no fun in war, and it is largely through the press associations that civilians, as well as fighters of the line, know that General Sherman has never before been so right in what he called it.

ODLUM OF WALL STREET

Colorado Alpha's Floyd Bostwick Odlum had five dollars in 1915 . . . Today he heads an hundred-million-dollar investment firm in Manhattan.

THEY say you can't measure the depth of a well by the length of the handle of the pump or gauge the depth of a minister by the height of the steeple of his church.

Now and then a desert rose will leave its habitat to come and bloom on Broadway instead of wasting its sweetness on the air of its native wasteland. While it is not often done, there seems to be no rule against a man leaving the canyons of Colorado for those of New York's Wall Street.

Floyd Bostwick Odlum, *Colorado*, '15, came out of the University with a degree in law and \$5. And he was still in Colorado. Today at the age of 51 he has comfortable offices in Wall Street and had, at the end of the Depression, a company worth more than \$130,000,000. In June, 1943, he became board chairman of the great movie corporation RKO.

While none of his fraternity brothers during those university days could foresee the special success Odlum has achieved, it was reported by his Colorado classmates in 1915 that he "Manages to get the run of everything to which there is a stipend attached."

The *JOURNAL* in December, 1913, reported from Colorado Alpha as follows: "In school activities along other lines we have Bro. Floyd Odlum, who again this year is managing the Dramatic Club. . . ." And in March, 1914: "On the Interstate Debating Squad we find Brothers . . . and Odlum." And a photograph of him in one of these *JOURNALS* shows him to be extremely pleasant, alert, and clean-cut of countenance despite his freckles. Though today bespectacled



FLOYD BOSTWICK ODLUM

and baldish, his appearance is remarkably the same. He pays little attention to exactness in his dress and has no use for the stiff and unwarm hooptedoodle of society. Perhaps his chief stock in trade is a prodigious endowment of common sense incisively applied.

Brother Odlum's career makes an exemplary success story. Born in Union City, Michigan, in 1892, one of five children, his father was a Methodist minister whose pulpit was shifted to Colorado. Floyd got his first job in Salt Lake City shortly after his graduation from Colorado in 1915; this was a law-clerk job with the Utah Power and Light Company for \$50 a month.

In 1917 he came to New York as a clerk in the legal firm which served the Electric Bond and Share Company. His rise here, given its chief impetus by President Sidney Z. Mitchell, who took an intense liking to his manner, was extraordinarily rapid, for by 1920 he had become a vice-president and by 1926 vice-chairman of the board. However, in 1923 he had also formed a small family investment firm, which ran a \$40,000 pool up to \$14,000,000 at the start of the Depression in the early 1930s. In 1943 the Atlas Corporation, the result of the "family affair," is listed as a hundred-million-dollar firm with diversified interests.

His recent achievement, the chairmanship of RKO, came as no surprise.



COMMANDER OLSON: "FROM THE RANKS"

A wartime feature reporting the doings of Sig Eps in Uncle Sam's forces in American camps and on the war front in scattered parts of the globe.



COMMANDER FROM THE RANKS

THE promotion recently of Comdr. Carl G. Olson, Wisconsin Alpha, officer in charge of the Naval Aviation Cadet Selection Board in Chicago, from the rank of lieutenant commander highlighted a steady rise through the ranks by the well-known officer.

Comdr. Olson left Lawrence College in 1917 to enlist in the Navy as an apprentice seaman. He took "boot" training at Great Lakes and soon afterwards applied for transfer to the Navy's new aviation branch. An exceptional record at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology air service school plus a strong desire to be a pilot, won him assignment to the flight training base at Pensacola, Fla.

KEEP UP WITH

After winning his wings and being commissioned an ensign on May 21, 1918, he was appointed a flight instructor after only 35 solo hours. He was later assigned to submarine patrol duty and became a squadron commander shortly before the end of World War I.

On his return to civilian life, Comdr. Olson returned to Lawrence at the same time as Grand Secretary Herb Heilig, also a Navy enlistee, did. He completed his course, keeping his reserve commission as a pilot in effect during the peacetime 1920s and '30s, and was called for duty when the national emergency became effective in 1940.

Comdr. Olson has been head of the Naval Aviation Cadet Selection Board since December of that year and has seen it grow from a one-room office to its present organization, which includes some 300 officers, 100 enlisted men, and 1800 aviation cadets stationed at the various training schools under the Board's jurisdiction.

The new Commander has received widespread acclaim for introducing many new procurement techniques and training aids into the Navy's aviation program. He directed an intensive "Fly for Navy" recruiting drive in the Illinois-Indiana-Wisconsin-Michigan area covered by the Naval Aviation Board last August and September, which saw his activity lead the country in Naval Aviation enlistments.

During the fall he received favorable mention in Arch Ward's column in the *Chicago Tribune* for his strong position favoring participation in sports as vital cadet training.

A real Sig Ep, he sometimes takes time from a busy schedule for a luncheon or dinner with the men of the Chicago Alumni chapter.

SIG EP M.D. IN NORTH AFRICA (see cover)

American doctors at the fighting fronts are striving to give streamlined medical service to the boys fighting an air-age war. Dr. Rex L. Diveley, Kansas Beta, '15, a colonel in the Army Medical Corps in the North African campaign, envisions rehabilitation centers that will restore to useful work a much higher percentage of war casualties than was the case after World War I.

Kansas City orthopedist on temporary leave as chief orthopedic consultant for the American forces in the European theater of war, he is enthusiastic about "bringing the doctor to the soldier" by plane, truck and train, to watch the swift movements of the armies, and also the success of rehabilitation centers in England that are putting as high as 85 per cent of wounded men back into active service after shorter convalescence than in the past.

Infections from wounds and fractures, at the North African battle fronts were held to a mini-

THE COLORS

mum by getting even surgical attention promptly to the victims. This was accomplished with small field hospitals and surgical trucks, which follow the advance or retreat.

Treatment of fractures and severe wounds to the limbs begins even before the surgical truck is at hand. Sulfonamides are given, and the Thomas splint is applied to limbs to immobilize them. And on top of the splint comes the plaster cast, a byword in orthopedic first treatment in this war.

Evacuation by transport plane, with fighter planes accompanying, reduces the time in getting a wounded man to the permanent hospital to two and a half hours. And hospitalization is cut down by the new trend in rehabilitation. When their wounds are healed the men are not kept quiet for weeks or months. Stiff joints are not pampered, but exercised in ten mile hikes and gymnastic training.

Home on furlough in September, Col. Diveley was greeted enthusiastically by Boots, his cocker spaniel, but soon had to leave again, first to Washington and then on to his post in England.

THIS IS THE ARMY—RIGHT HERE

Capt. Frederick H. Korth, Texas Alpha, '32, former governor of District XIV, turned up in the news pictures in the fall, posing with two of his army colleagues—the commanding officer and executive officer at the Second Ferrying Squadron base at Fairfax Airport, Kan.—and a three-month-old lion cub, a new mascot for Army fliers.

HERO FROM ALBUQUERQUE

His right arm in a sling, injured when he fell from a jeep, Capt. James F. Bezemek, New Mexico Alpha, '32, recalled how he was standing on a street corner in the town of Comiso in Sicily. An Italian general accompanied by two children, walked up to him, saluted, then raised his arms in surrender.

"Apparently the general recognized my captain's bars and decided he didn't want to surrender to a private," Bezemek says.

"That was okay with me. He had his two sons with him. They were about twelve or fifteen years old and didn't look very happy although the general didn't seem too unhappy.

"He saluted me and I returned the salute, and when he raised his hands I knew what he wanted. We walked down to headquarters together with the kids alongside.

"Now I've got something to tell the folks back home."

That was how Capt. James Bezemek, Albuquerque, serving with the engineers in Sicily captured an Italian general single-handed.

Captain Bezemek joined the National Guard when he was sixteen, later joining the Engineers.



COL. COWARD: "THE KING SMILED"

KING GEORGE PINS MEDAL

Lt. Col. James S. Coward, Tennessee Alpha, whose home is in Erwin, Tenn., and who is an executive officer of a U. S. Army Air Corps squadron in North Africa, knew he was going to be introduced to the King of England, but he didn't know what that meeting had in store for him.

It all concerned his Spitfire squadron's record of knocking down ninety-six enemy planes in Africa and his getting the first one himself.

Brother Coward thought he would merely be introduced along with other members of his group at a Tunisian air base during the King's visit to North Africa.

The King came slowly along the line, shaking hands with each man, the release reported. Finally he stopped in front of Coward, who saluted smartly and held out his hand, but the King did not take it. Instead, he turned around, and one of his aides handed him a small object.

Lt. Col. Coward, holding himself stiffly, didn't see what it was, and the next thing he knew, the King was pinning something on his tunic. He looked down and saw Britain's prized Distinguished Flying Cross.

"I didn't have any idea I was going to get it," he said. "I guess my eyes must have popped be-

cause the King smiled and then began questioning about what we've been doing out here."

Coward, then still a major, had so many medals and ribbons the King pinned the DFC above his wings instead of below.

Coward was in the first all-American fighter squadron to fight alongside the R.A.F. in Tunisia. During its second sweep he shot down an ME. 109, the first for his squadron, and the first for the Americans in North Africa.

A SIG EP IN THE ALEUTIANS

The outnumbered American force of three American destroyers and a cruiser were in a nasty trap—islands to the east, four Jap cruisers and a flock of modern Jap destroyers to the west, according to a recent thrilling story of the incident by the *San Francisco News*. The Americans tried an "end run," south, but the Japs headed them off, and then orders came from the American flagship on which Lt. Frank Wayne Ayers, Washington Alpha, was Torpedo Officer, to execute a bold maneuver.

The destroyers were to streak in under the guns of the Jap heavies and make a torpedo attack—in full daylight!

The story of the leading "tin can" in the daring attack which ultimately prevented reinforcements from reaching Kiska and Attu, was subsequently revealed by Twelfth Naval District Headquarters in San Francisco.

The Jap warships were sent scampering. Two transports fled wildly and the little destroyer limped home with five dead, five wounded and without lights, heat or fresh water.

Torpedo officer Ayers whose home is in Spokane,



THE AMERICANS TRIED AN END RUN

United States Pacific Fleet Flagship of the Commander in Chief



In the name of the President of the United States, the Commander in Chief, United States Pacific Fleet, takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

LIEUTENANT (JG) FRANK W. AYERS, U.S. NAVAL RESERVE

for services as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For gallantry and intrepidity in the line of his profession as torpedo officer of a destroyer during a battle with a superior enemy force. In a bold and skillful daylight torpedo attack his ship drove in through heavy gun fire and he launched all his torpedoes and secured a probable hit on an enemy heavy cruiser. His coolness and skill in this attack played an important part in forcing the enemy to withdraw. His conduct was in keeping with the best traditions of the naval service".

C. W. Nimitz
C. W. NIMITZ,
Admiral, U.S. Navy

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didn't expect to have much to do until the order came. "Shell fragments were falling around us like rain," Brother Ayers reported. "One man went down to the main deck to get a bucket of water for the torpedo crew. He came up the ladder with the bucket in his hand, and reached up to set it on the deck. By the time he was on the deck himself, a piece of shrapnel had gone through the bucket and let out the water."

The fire controlman, whose station is on the director, summed up the attack this way.

"When we go in to the torpedo attack, I figure I just ain't coming back. I look down my telescope and I think every time I close my eyes the Jap must be closing his too, because I see his salvos coming right at me.

"Then we get his—but we launch our fish anyway. Everybody's heart just drops. The telephone talker starts passing out life jackets and chocolate bars.

"But when our fish hit the Jap heavy—and I see 'em hit—both the Jap heavies turn and shove off. We get going and shove off too. We don't want much to do with them after that. When a heavy cruiser fires a full salvo and they're coming right at you, they look pretty big. I think the Japs even had their crew out throwing spuds at us."

MAJ. SETTLE HELPS FIND HARMON

Maj. Allan Settle, Kansas Beta, '37, of Cottonwood Falls, Kan., a former member of the staff of the *Kansas City Star*, accompanied the searching

party that found Lieut. Thomas D. Harmon, Michigan's famed all-American football star, in the jungles of French Guiana.

Settle, assistant executive officer of the South Atlantic wing of the air transport command, and his party of fifteen was able to make only one and one-half miles per day through the jungle. Trees were 100 to 125 feet high; underbrush was so dense that the searchers virtually had to chop their way ahead.

Major Settle, his assignment fulfilled, was selected to return with Harmon to the United States.

He was called to active duty in the Army in 1940. In June, 1941, Settle transferred from the public relations section of the War Department to the Army Air Corps. Shortly afterwards he was selected as intelligence officer for the South Atlantic wing of the air transport command and was named assistant executive officer for the wing later.

STAR IN HEROIC SERIAL

"Wearer of the Air Medal and Oak Leaf Cluster, Lt. Lloyd William Reese, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd William Reese, Sr., 458 East Torrence Road, has been missing in action since August 1, the War Department notified the parents Monday."

Thus ran an item last autumn in a Columbus, Ohio, daily paper, disclosing that Ohio Gamma's Lloyd Reese, '43, had met a tragic fate. In mid-September, Reese senior, a Sig Ep graduate of Ohio Northern in 1920, received a communication from Brig. Gen. V. H. Strahm, headquarters Ninth U. S. Air Force. It read:

In recognition of the heroic action of your son, 1st Lt. Lloyd W. Reese, Jr., reported missing in action on 1st August, 1943, after the attack on the Rumanian oil refineries, it is with heartfelt gratitude that I inform you of the action of General H. H. Arnold, Commanding General of the Army Air Forces, commending the officers and men of the Ninth U. S. Bomber Command who participated in this attack for their gallantry in action against the enemy.

To the words of General Arnold, neither General Brereton nor I can add further praise for the courageous action of your son. General Brereton, all officers and enlisted men of this Air Force join me in extending to you our deepest sympathy and in expressing our mutual pride in having served with one who has rendered such heroic and unselfish service to our country.

Then on September 23 Lloyd Reese, Sr., wrote the JOURNAL as follows:

Bill, as he has been known since childhood, is a lanky lad over 6 feet tall, blonde hair, and an "I don't scare worth a damn" attitude. He was in his third year at Ohio State the morning of Pearl Harbor. The next day he enlisted in the Army Air Forces and asked to be trained as a Bombardier for, as he told me, "Let the pilot get it there because I don't want long hours of work." He made a very remarkable record at Santa Ana, Calif., for he was promoted six weeks ahead of his regular class for proficiency in—of all things—mathematics!

He received his wings and bars in November at Victorville, Calif. From then on it was "touch and go"—Salt Lake City, Utah; Tucson, Ariz.; Almagordia, Mexico; Clovis, Mexico; Topeka, Kan.; Florida; Brazil; Africa; and then England in March, 1943. After some very successful bombing missions on vital targets, including submarine bases in France and England, also one or two



HE DIDN'T WANT LONG HOURS

other countries, he was transferred in June to the Middle East. There in his huge Liberator, his bombardment group pounded Sicily and similar islands, Italy, and Rome. Then came that "greatest single feat of aerial warfare," according to General Arnold, the raid over Ploesti. On August 18 we received word that Bill was missing in action. At the same time we learned that he was a First Lieutenant.

For practical purpose, the reader should pause at this point in the letter, preparing to begin a subsequent installment. This follows:

On August 29, another telegram from the War Department came. This last news came to us when Mrs. Reese and I were visiting Bill's younger brother, Bob, also a Sig Ep, at the U. S. Military Academy, West Point, New York. Bob is a Third Classman at West Point. The telegram stated that Bill was a prisoner of war of the Rumanian government, and the exact location not stated. It is needless to state there was a great rejoicing in the Reese family.

Lloyd Reese, Sr.'s, next paragraph discloses his son's unqualified endorsement of his Fraternity:

I asked Bill on the day he received his bars and Bombardment wings, what was the most valuable course that he had taken at Ohio State University insofar as helping him in his training in the Air Force. As quick as a flash he replied, "My two years at the Sig Ep house." He went on to explain that these two years taught him to get along with other young fellows and made for esprit-de-corps.

In the last sentence of one of his letters Bill said, "Oh by the way, I'm now entitled to wear the Air Medal and the Oak Leaf Cluster."

ALLEN WINS TRAINING HONORS

Robert Edward Allen, Illinois Alpha, won the distinction of being named honor man of his company at the U. S. Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Ill., on completion of his recruit training period in May.

Allen, a resident of Waukegan, Ill., left the



HONOR MAN

University of Illinois campus at Champaign to join the Navy in March, 1943. He qualified for one of the Navy's schools for electrician's mates as a result of his averages on the aptitude tests given all "boots" during their basic training.

In school Allen was active in football, basketball, and tennis.

KURTZ PROMOTED TO MAJOR

Harry D. Kurtz, Ohio Gamma, '37, of Cleveland and Columbus, was promoted from captain to major at Keesler Field, Miss., according to an announcement in August. Major Kurtz is public relations officer for the huge unit of the Army Air Forces Training Command which trains ground crews for B-24 Liberator bombers.

Kurtz received his early military training in the R.O.T.C. at Ohio State and was commissioned upon graduation. He lived in Columbus, where he was associated with Mumm, Romer, Robbins, and Pearson, Inc., advertising firm, until called to active duty with the Air Corps at Chanute Field, Ill., in July, 1941. He was sent to Keesler Field a month later and became public relations officer in December, 1941. He and Mrs. Kurtz, formerly Margaret Blessing of Washington Court House, Ohio, are making their home in Biloxi, Miss. As an active at Ohio State, Kurtz was a member of Scabbard and Blade and Scarlet Key.

HAMACK BROTHERS

Frank and Richard Hamack were both installed in the Sig Ep chapter at the University of Washington by the group that inducted the chapter back on June 14, 1922. And it was the pleasure of Frank Hamack, Sr., D.C. Alpha, '16, to be official

greeter upon their entrance into the Fraternity. Today both Frank Hamack, Jr., Washington Beta, '40, and his brother, Richard L. Hamack, who left the campus after his sophomore year, are in the Army and have completed basic training. If fortunate, Frank, who married Frances Nicolay in 1939, will get his wings December 5.

Richard, twenty years old, was in the Enlisted Reserve Corps on the campus for a year, entering Fort Lewis in April, 1943, completing basic training at Camp Wolters, Tex., and selected for Officer Training School.

PROMOTIONS

The following promotions in rank have been reported to the Central Office since the September JOURNAL:

ALABAMA ALPHA: Major John D. McPherson
 COLORADO ALPHA: Major E. Stanton Palmer
 COLORADO DELTA: Capt. C. Burton Folsom, Jr., A.P.O. 24, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.
 DELAWARE ALPHA: Capt. Grover Surratt
 FLORIDA ALPHA: 2nd Lt. Fulton Saussy
 GEORGIA ALPHA: Major James M. Fambrough
 Lt. Commander Harvey West, c/o Fleet P.O., San Francisco, Calif.
 IOWA BETA: Sgt. Glenn Younkin
 Corp. Donald Morrison
 KANSAS BETA: Major Joe McNay
 MICHIGAN ALPHA: Capt. Lon H. Pardo, A.P.O. 27, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.
 Ensign Richard Huntoon, U.S.N.R.
 MISSISSIPPI BETA: Lt. (jg) William Hickman, c/o Fleet Post Office, New York
 NEW YORK ALPHA: Capt. Charles Thompson, U. S. Army Air Corps
 Ensign Charles Shea, U. S. Navy



MAJOR, ARMY AIR FORCES: Harry D. Kurtz, Ohio Gamma, '37, promoted at Keesler Field.



RICHARD L. HAMACK FRANK HAMACK, JR.

NEW YORK GAMMA: Lt. (jg) Anton R. Jorgensen, U. S. Coast Guard

NORTH CAROLINA GAMMA: Corp. Joseph Harrington

NORTH CAROLINA ZETA: Sgt. Bedford Black

OHIO EPSILON: Lt. Zane Brant

OREGON BETA: Capt. George H. Johnson

PENNSYLVANIA DELTA: 2nd Lt. Robert L. Hill

2nd Lt. James Huston

Staff Sgt. William Gelbach

Major Karl L. Gretz

PENNSYLVANIA LAMBDA: Sgt. Thomas Grier, U. S. Army

2nd Lt. John Coulter

2nd Lt. Robert S. Grier

2nd Lt. Charles D. Ridl

2nd Lt. Leland Fox

TENNESSEE ALPHA: Capt. Robert T. Davis

VERMONT ALPHA: Lt. Commander, Phillip K. Sherman, c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif.

VERMONT BETA: Capt. Harold Fisher, A.A.R.T.C. Hq.

VIRGINIA ALPHA: 2nd Lt. Ernest Gary, U. S. Marines

Sgt. Ralph Kinsey

Capt. Stewart Cook

Lt. (jg) Eugene McCall

2nd Lt. Monroe Wells

VIRGINIA ETA: 2nd Lt. Harold Purcell

WASHINGTON ALPHA: Major Eugene McLaughlin

WEST VIRGINIA BETA: Major Harold B. Beagle, '38. From a recent letter from Major Beagle: "I am stationed at Camp Blanding, Fla., in the I.R.T.C. I was stationed for two years at Fort Benning, Ga., where I was with the Officer Candidate Section of the Infantry School. Was married to Doris Loomis of Hinton, W.Va., in January, 1940, and we are living at Gainesville at 544 West Main Street, North."

WISCONSIN ALPHA: Capt. Charles Watkins

Sgt. Gordon Shurtleff

5000 MEN IN THE SERVICE

The names of Sig Eps by chapters, including branch of service and rank in such cases as they were furnished, sent into the Central Office since

the Service Directory for the September JOURNAL was compiled, are given below. The number on the Service roster to date, based on data received, is now about 3,200, but it is thought there are at least 5,000 members of the Fraternity in uniform.

ALABAMA ALPHA (36 previously reported)

ALABAMA BETA (30 previously reported): Pvt. James Calabra, A.S.T.P.; Pvt. William E. Cornisha.

ALABAMA GAMMA (None previously reported): Lt. (jg) Hollis F. Garrard, U. S. Navy, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

ARKANSAS ALPHA (9 previously reported): Major Dale T. Elliott.

CALIFORNIA ALPHA (75 previously reported)

CALIFORNIA BETA (103 previously reported): Lt. James A. Batchlor, U.S.N.R.

COLORADO ALPHA (15 previously reported): S. Sgt. John W. Carr, A.P.O. 634 c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

COLORADO BETA (15 previously reported).

COLORADO GAMMA (56 Previously reported): Av/S William N. Manson.

COLORADO DELTA (34 Previously reported): Lt. Ed. A. Dolega, A.P.O. #1, c/o Postmaster, New York City.

DELAWARE ALPHA (75 Previously reported): Lt. Howard Wilkins, U. S. Army Air Corps; Edwin J. Rivers, U. S. Army Air Corps; Pvt. John Simons, A.S.T.P.

D. C. ALPHA (34 Previously reported): Lt. Randall M. Gardner, U. S. Army.

FLORIDA ALPHA (75 Previously reported): Ensign James A. Leggett, U. S. Navy, c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, California; Lt. Leon L. Ely; Lt. Theadeus S. Williams, Jr.

GEORGIA ALPHA (38 Previously reported): Capt. Mathew D. Alexander, Jr., Coast Artillery—Anti Air Craft; P.F.C. Joseph E. Connors—14156656, A.P.O. 644, c/o Postmaster, New York City; 2nd Com'd Officer Frederick Powell, U. S. Army Air Base; Nathaniel B. Browne, V-12, U. S. Navy; Lt. (jg.) Neil H. Lassiter, U.S.N.R.



OCTOBER GRADUATE: Howard C. Wilkins, Delaware Alpha, received his commission as an Air Forces Flying officer at Lubbock Army Flying Field on October 1. His course was in the twin-engine advanced pilot school.



IN AIR FORCES IN NEW GUINEA
Capt. William H. Dietz, Ohio Gamma, '31

ILLINOIS ALPHA (50 *Previously reported*): Lt. Donald Aschermann; Sgt. Terry W. Johnson, U. S. Army; Lt. Com'd. Don Johnstone; P.F.C. Warren R. Vitt, A.S.T.P.

INDIANA ALPHA (31 *Previously reported*): Lt. William R. Redlick; Lt. H. M. Merrell, U. S. Army.

INDIANA BETA (6 *Previously reported*)

IOWA ALPHA (11 *Previously reported*)

IOWA BETA (43 *Previously reported*)

IOWA GAMMA (45 *Previously reported*): Pvt. Verne E. Noble, Jr., U. S. Army; Ph.M. 2/c Harold O. Stutsman, U. S. Navy.

KANSAS ALPHA (25 *Previously reported*): Pvt. W. W. Holloway, A.P.O. 634, c/o Postmaster, New York City.

KANSAS BETA (39 *Previously reported*): Staff Sgt. Finley Acker, U. S. Marine Corps; A/C Homer R. Elling, U. S. Army Air Force.

KANSAS GAMMA (67 *Previously reported*): Pvt. Bob Barnes; Pvt. Robert S. Bell; A/S Ellsworth V. Bryan, V-12 Unit; Lt. Ray L. Childers; Pvt. Carl D. Gibson, U. S. Army; A/S Judson E. Goodrich, V-12 Unit, U. S. Navy; A/S Roy R. Graba, V-12 Unit; Pvt. Leroy Donald Henderson; U. S. Army; A/S Don Johnson, V-12, U.S.N.R.; Pvt. Robert E. Stoddard, U. S. Marines; A/S Otto Teichroeber, U.S.N.R.; Pvt. Arthur H. Saville, U. S. Army; A/C Paul Moser, U.S.N.R.

KENTUCKY ALPHA (30 *Previously reported*)

LOUISIANA ALPHA (7 *Previously reported*)

MARYLAND ALPHA (46 *Previously reported*): John S. Dempster, U. S. Army; Charles T. Elzey, U. S. Naval Air Corps; William Franz, U. S. Engineers; Charles J. Kuhlman, Officers Candidate School; John Earl Rowe, U. S. Army; John C. Schopfer, U. S. Medical Corps; George W. Sullivan, Officers Candidate School.

MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA (23 *Previously reported*)

MASSACHUSETTS BETA (28 *Previously reported*)

MICHIGAN ALPHA (81 *Previously reported*): Pvt. Donald John Curto, U.S.M.C.R.

MINNESOTA ALPHA (25 *Previously reported*): Lt. Gordon E. Jackson, Signal Corps.

MISSISSIPPI ALPHA (13 *Previously reported*): Ralph Cameron, U. S. N. R. Mid'n. School; Pvt. Mal S. Riddell, U. S. Army Air Forces.

MISSISSIPPI BETA (33 *Previously reported*): Lee Coon; David Wilkins, Officer Candidate School; Earl Chandler, Officer Candidate School; William Collier, Officer Candidate School; Paul Beacham, Merchant Marine.

MISSOURI ALPHA (17 *Previously reported*): Pvt. Richard F. Mathias, U. S. Air Corps.

MISSOURI BETA (10 *Previously reported*): Lt. Robert L. Best, A.P.O. 860, c/o Postmaster, New York.

MONTANA ALPHA (72 *Previously reported*)

NEBRASKA ALPHA (53 *Previously reported*)

NEW HAMPSHIRE (30 *Previously reported*)

NEW JERSEY ALPHA (16 *Previously reported*)

NEW MEXICO ALPHA (41 *Previously reported*): Herman T. Brewer, U. S. Army; John W. Cavanaugh, Army Intelligence Division; Sgt. George E. Uttermohle, U. S. Army Air Corps.

NEW YORK ALPHA (60 *Previously reported*): Pvt. Charles Backus; A/C Spencer Clark; Lt. Charles H. Craig; Pvt. Ralph S. Coon, U. S. Army Air Forces; P.F.C. Theodore G. Daher; Cpl. Robert L. Duell, A.P.O. 759, c/o Postmaster, New York City; Lt. Albert Edmonds, U. S. Army Medical Corps; Pvt. John Emrich; P.F.C. William E. Halpin; P.F.C. Charles Hammond; P.F.C. Vincent Hammond; Pvt. Richard J. Happeck; T/Sgt. Robert C. Hayes, A.P.O. 678, c/o Postmaster, New York City; Pvt. Theodore Hoople; A/C Joseph H. Jackson, U. S. Army Air Forces; Pvt. Lewis A. Mason—35912182, U. S. Army; Ensign Edwin A. Miller, U. S. Navy; Pvt. Erwin G. Palmer, U. S. Army—Anti Aircraft Div.; Pvt. Alfred Sharpe; A/C Douglas H. Stone, U. S. Naval Reserve—Naval Aviation; S/Sgt. Eugene C. Stryker; Pvt. Douglas W. Sylvia, A.P.O. 8985, c/o Postmaster, New York City; A/S Howard W. Vanderbilt, V-12 Unit; Pvt. Norman J. Wiedersom; A/C Alfred G. Wooler; A/S James B. Wright, V-12, U.S.N.R.; Pvt. Charles H. Young.

NEW YORK DELTA (10 *Previously reported*): Lt. Joseph H. Grassetto, U. S. Army Air Corps.

NEW YORK BETA (71 *Previously reported*)

NEW YORK GAMMA (52 *Previously reported*)

NORTH CAROLINA BETA (49 *Previously reported*)

NORTH CAROLINA GAMMA (30 *Previously reported*): Lt. John B. Anderson, V-12, U. S. M. Corps.



LIEUTENANT

J. D. Peratt, Oklahoma A. & M., '41

NORTH CAROLINA DELTA (3 *Previously reported*)

NORTH CAROLINA EPSILON (63 *Previously reported*): Pvt. Jerrold S. Robinson.

NORTH CAROLINA ZETA (22 *Previously reported*): Clarence C. Hope, U.S.N.R.—Midshipmen's School.

OHIO ALPHA (31 *Previously reported*)

OHIO GAMMA (46 *Previously reported*): Cadet Robert M. Reese, U. S. Military Academy; Lt. Robert A. Rands.

OHIO EPSILON (37 *Previously reported*): Cpl. William A. Pierce, Pvt. Robert A. Turner.

OKLAHOMA ALPHA (56 *Previously reported*): Md'n. W. H. Landers, Jr., V-7, U.S.N.R.; Pvt. E. Francis Males, A.P.O. 7197, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.; Yeoman 3/c Guy D. Patton, U. S. Navy, c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, California; Pvt. Jimmie Wilkinson, A.S.T.U.

OREGON ALPHA (97 *Previously reported*)

OREGON BETA (60 *Previously reported*): Capt. George H. Jackson, U. S. Army Air Corps; Lt. Lee M. Rennolds, U. S. Army Air Corps, A.P.O. 922, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

PENNSYLVANIA BETA (1 *Previously reported*)

PENNSYLVANIA DELTA (64 *Previously reported*): Pvt. F. H. Batchelor; Pvt. Louis Erickson, U. S. Army; Lt. (jg) John H. C. Gray, U.S.M.C.; Pvt. Charles Hall, U. S. Army; Tech. Sgt. George S. Langley, A.P.O. 486, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.; Pvt. Stanley C. Mason; O/C Warren R. Monsees; Pvt. Robert Rhoda, U. S. Army; Pvt. Ellwood Sheip, U. S. Army; Pvt. Charlie Wolf, U. S. Army; Pvt. Donald S. Ziegler.

PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON (39 *Previously reported*): Lt. (jg) Samuel O. Coleman, Jr., U.S.C.G.; Tech. Sgt. Robert H. Hebard, A.P.O. 871, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.; P.F.C. William V. Toffey, Jr.; David W. Rogers, V-12, U.S.N.R.

PENNSYLVANIA ETA (46 *Previously reported*)

PENNSYLVANIA IOTA (17 *Previously reported*)

PENNSYLVANIA KAPPA (25 *Previously reported*): Lt. Arthur Short, U. S. Air Corps.

PENNSYLVANIA LAMBDA (88 *Previously reported*): Paul Allen, V-12, U.S.M.C.; James Barron, V-12, U.S.N.R.; John Brown, U. S. Navy; LeRoy Davis, V-12, U.S.N.R.; Charles Hatfield, V-12, U.S.N.R.; Charles Horton, U.S.M.C.; Robert McDaniel, U.S.M.C.; Ralph Murrin, U. S. Army; Harold McWhertor, U.S.N.R.; Robert Nicklos, U.S.N.R.; James Salsgiver, U. S. Navy, V-12; Richard Stewart, U.S.N.R.; Richard Taylor, U. S. Army; Pvt. Paul B. Thornhill, U. S. Marines; Joseph Thompson, U. S. Army; Thomas Weeter, V-12, U. S. Navy; John Wacker, V-12, U. S. Navy; George Zenk, U. S. Army.

PENNSYLVANIA MU (24 *Previously reported*): Charles D. Allen, U. S. Army.

TENNESSEE ALPHA (92 *Previously reported*): Pvt. Donald Lee Soefker, U. S. Army Air Forces.

RHODE ISLAND ALPHA (1 *Previously reported*)

S. C. ALPHA (1 *Previously reported*)

TEXAS ALPHA (47 *Previously reported*)

UTAH ALPHA (34 *Previously reported*)

VERMONT ALPHA (62 *Previously reported*): Capt. Arthur E. Boudreau, U. S. Army Air Corps.

VERMONT BETA (36 *Previously reported*): Pvt. Parley Clapp, III; Lt. Horace F. Kennedy; Lt. Edward F. McLaughlin, U. S. Navy, c/o Fleet Post Office, New York, N.Y.; Lt. Louis E. Weeks, A.P.O. 635, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

VIRGINIA ALPHA (66 *Previously reported*): A/C Robert G. Barr, U. S. Air Corps; Chaplain Vernon B. Richardson, U. S. Navy.

VIRGINIA DELTA (14 *Previously reported*)

VIRGINIA EPSILON (11 *Previously reported*)

VIRGINIA ZETA (27 *Previously reported*): Lt. George S. Richardson, U.S.N.R.

VIRGINIA ETA (43 *Previously reported*): Gordon Ambler, Jr., Merchant Marine; Otis T. Amory, Jr., Naval Pre-Flight Training; Harry P. Barlow, U. S. Army; Marshall D. Baxter, U. S. Navy; A/S Kenneth F. Bevan, N.R.O.T.C.; Archer K. Blood, V-7, Navy; William B. Brookes, U. S. Marine Corps; William H. Brugman, U.S.N.R.; Paul Cheatham, U. S. Army; Ensign Thomas P. Chisman, U. S. Navy; Lt. Elmer L. Cook, U. S. Air Corps; Ensign Gordon Lee Crenshaw, U. S. Navy; Edwin G. Forrest, Naval Pre-Flight Tr. School; Louis S. Graham, U.S.N.R.; Thomas Green, N.R.O.T.C.; Clifton R. Gruver, U.S.N.R.; Robert A. Gurley, R.O.T.C.; Thomas A. Jacka, N.R.O.T.C.; Ensign Ernest Jolley, U.S.N.R.; William E. Kelly, V-5, U. S. Navy; Robert R. Lacock, U. S. Army; Charles W. Liddell, U. S. Army; Charles H. Loughridge, U. S. Naval Pre-Flight Tr. School; William R. McGleughlin, Jr., U. S. Army; Trevett Matthews, U. S. Naval Pre-Flight Tr. School; Benj. F. Montague, U. S. Army Med.



CARTOON BY POINIER

For wartime morale, Arthur B. Poinier, Ohio Wesleyan, '32, keeps drawing such excellent cartoons as this one, titled, "It's advisable to kill the bear before cooking it." Courtesy of Detroit Free Press.

School; Loren F. Parmley, Jr., U. S. Army; Kirkham Raphall, U. S. Army Air Corps; Terry B. Rice, U. S. Naval Pre-Flight Tr. School; Joseph Scannell, N.R.O.T.C.; Lt. (jg) Warren H. Small; Lt. Robert E. Stinson, U. S. Marine Corps; Edward V. Stratton, Jr., U. S. Naval Pre-Flight Tr. School; French E. Strolner, N.R.O.T.C.; William A. Tarleton, U. S. Army; John S. Tennant, Army Pre-Medical; Ensign Jerome K. Valdejuli, N.R.O.T.C.; Herman H. Wagner, V-5 Naval R.O.T.C.

VIRGINIA THETA (8 *Previously reported*)

WASHINGTON ALPHA (36 *Previously reported*): Robert Scalzo, V-12.

WASHINGTON BETA (18 *Previously reported*): Lt. (jg) Donald S. McCullun, U. S. Navy.

WEST VIRGINIA BETA (17 *Previously reported*): Major Harold B. Eagle, U. S. Army; Sgt. Russell A. Thom, U. S. Marine Corps.

WISCONSIN ALPHA (66 *Previously reported*): Robert Carter, U. S. Army Air Corps; Ray Chadwick; Pvt. Theodore Decker; A/C James Eckrich; P.F.C. Henry Cram; Lt. Henry J. Connor, A.P.O. 698, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.; A/S David Jedwabny, U. S. Navy; John Paul Jones, U. S. Navy; Paul Kozelka; Lt. E. Allen Miller, Medical Corps; Pvt. John Mullen, U. S. Marines; Charles Rollins, V-12, U.S.M.C.; Merrill Tucker; Lt. William Verhage, U.S.N.R.; A/S Robert Wilch, V-12, U.S.N.T.U.; Chaplain Lael Westberg; Gerald Ziegler.

WISCONSIN BETA (24 *Previously reported*): Lt. William F. Browning; Corp'l. Robert D. Crowley, U. S. Air Force; A/C Phillip Dorse; Capt. E. P. Faust, Jr.; Pvt. Dixon H. Johnson, U. S. Air Corps; Corp'l. Frederick F. Kresse; Corp'l. Norman Losby; Lt. Larry Millonig, Air Corps; P.F.C. John P. Proctor, U. S. Army; Tech. Sgt. Victor M. Reid; A/S James Sands, V-12; A/S Roger R. Scholbe, U. S. Navy Air Corps; Lt. George M. Simon; Lt. Allan H. Steinmetz; Ensign Leslie Wouters; Ralph W. Wyckoff.

THE WORKING FRONT



UNIVERSITY OF DENVER SIG EP
PRESIDENT OF U. OF COLORADO

DR. REUBEN G. GUSTAVSON, Colorado Beta, dean of the Graduate School of the University of Colorado for the past year and head of the Chemistry Department since 1937, became acting president of the University of Colorado on August 21 when the leave of absence granted by the trustees to President Robert Stearns took effect.

Accomplished in biochemical research, particularly in internal secretion of glands, Dr. Gustavson has written many articles on the blood system, the effect of injections of glandular fluids into animals, hormones, and so on. He has won numerous prizes, such as the Phi Lambda Upsilon Prize in analytical chemistry in 1915, the Melzer Award in research in 1917, and an honorary fellowship with the Chicago Gynecological Society in 1930.

A native of Denver, he took both his bachelor's and master's degrees from Denver University, and his doctor's at the University of Chicago in 1925. Before going to Denver University in 1920 he taught for three years at Colorado State College of Agriculture. In 1929 he was visiting professor at the University of Chicago.

Among his activities on the Colorado campus are his presidency of the Child Research Council and continued research on the thyroid and other glands. He has a daughter married to a Navy lieutenant and a son in the South Pacific as aviation mechanic's mate.

INSURANCE "MAN OF MONTH"

Roy B. Striegel, Tennessee Alpha, was the recipient in August of the "Man of the Month" title given by the Provident Mutual Life Insurance Company of Philadelphia for his feat in leading all Provident Mutual agents in the sale of life insurance for the preceding thirty-day period.

A graduate of the University of Tennessee, and holder of a law degree from Cumberland University, Roy Striegel became associated with the Provident in 1928. It was at Tennessee that he won national recognition as tackle and captain of an outstanding Volunteer eleven, while it was shortly after graduation from Cumberland that he was admitted to the bar.

Striegel continued his interest in college athletics by officiating in Southeastern Conference football games—and as a member of the University of Tennessee's Athletic Council. In the Nashville Chamber of Commerce, the Elks, and the Baptist Church, Striegel plays a prominent part in Knoxville civic life.

Of Striegel who is a Provident "Millionaire," a colleague says: "Roy is a fine insurance man who has a clear conception of the role of modern life insurance, and he has developed a clientele of the highest type. The fact that he is still greeted by his friends and clients in Nashville by 'Hello 'Pap,'" his college nickname, is proof that he has retained the youthful charm and vigor which highlighted his college career."

"CHOICE WELL MADE"

Alabama's Governor Chauncey Sparks on August 12 appointed the Governor of Sig Ep's District VII, W. Hamilton Thomas, Alabama Beta, '27, insurance man, as a member of the County Board of Revenue, filling a vacancy. Thomas, a native of Eufaula, Ala., has resided in Tuscaloosa for the past twelve years during which he served as agent for the New York Life Insurance Company. He was graduated from the School of Commerce and Business Administration at the University of Alabama in 1927. Active in campus affairs, he served as assistant manager of the *Corolla*, was a member of Blackfriars and secretary of his class during his last year.

The *Tuscaloosa News* commented in part in an editorial "A Choice Well Made": "Thomas came to Tuscaloosa to attend the University and then stayed on to make the Druid City his home. His affable nature has won him many friends in this territory and through the years that he has lived here 'Fats' has distinguished himself as a man of good judgment, sound character, and an excel-

lent business man. He has been a man who did not push himself forward in politics but worked quietly and efficiently behind the scenes to establish for himself the reputation of being a wheel-horse."

HOGAN HEADS STATE CHAMBER

Lloyd Hogan, Kansas Alpha, '35, a member of the advertising staffs of the *Daily Missoulian* and the *Missoula Sentinel*, of Missoula, Mont., was elected president of Montana's Junior Chamber of Commerce at its War Conference meeting in May.

A journalism student at Baker, he was controller of the Sig Ep chapter, associate editor of Baker's yearbook, *The Wildcat*, and editor of the *Baker Orange*, campus newspaper. Still at Baker in 1932 he was Kansas Alpha's delegate to the Chattanooga Conclave.

Hogan did not come directly to Missoula from Baldwin, Kan., but having his B.S. degree from Baker with honors in journalism, he joined the staff of the *Brookfield, Mo., Argus*, next the *Baldwin, Kan., Ledger*, and then the *Topeka, Kan., State Journal*, as assistant advertising manager, before coming to Missoula. As secretary-treasurer of the Missoula Alumni Chapter, Brother Hogan is a key man among Missoula's substantial body of Sig Eps, in this city where a fellow Sig Ep journalist, Montana State's Journalism Dean, James L. Ford, Wisconsin Alpha, '28, also holds forth.

Lloyd Hogan wouldn't miss the regular Sig Ep luncheons for anything. He is always there, and the Montana State Junior Chamber of Commerce can claim its new president for the rest of his spare time.



HE IS ALWAYS THERE



WILLIAM F. AYRES, VIRGINIA '20

MAYOR OF CAPE CHARLES, VIRGINIA

William F. Ayres, *Virginia*, '20 has been the Mayor of Cape Charles, Virginia, since October, 1940. He was appointed by the Council to fill out the unexpired term of the former Mayor who died, and was elected in June, 1942, without opposition, for a two-year term.

His record has been that of an energetic and progressive Mayor. Several new projects have been completed under his administration. A new \$35,000 waterworks improvement contract has just been awarded. He is also the Trial Justice and tries all cases under Town ordinances. Since the war his duties have been greatly increased due to nearby camps and a large number of service men passing through. He is also Director of Civilian Defense and is responsible for the smooth operation of this program in his community. In October, 1940, his efforts to enter Naval Intelligence failed when he could not meet the eye requirements.

Familiarly known to all Virginia Eta men for the past 25 years, Ayres has been a member of Eta Alumni, Inc. (the alumni board of the chapter) since 1925. He has kept in close touch with Virginia Eta since leaving school and has averaged at least two trips each year to the campus of Virginia since his graduation from law in 1922.

Having practiced law in his home town of Cape Charles since his graduation, he was a former Judge of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court for Northampton County.

—ERNEST L. DYER

THE HOME ALUMNI

THE "ALIVE" DETROIT ALUMNI

DETROIT, August 20.—Warren H. Keller, Michigan Alpha, '22, graduate of the University of Michigan School of Business Administration, and a resident of Chicago, was honor guest at a luncheon of the Detroit Alumni Chapter at the Savoyard Club, August 19. Keller, who paid a flying visit, is controller for United Light and Power Company; he has specialized in public utilities for fifteen years.

The luncheon was organized by Glen Cummings, Michigan Alpha, '22 and the occasion somewhat resembled a reunion. Keller reported the death of Leslie P. Whelan, Michigan Alpha, about a year ago.

Among those in attendance at the luncheon were Grand President E. Reed Hunt, Glen D. Curtis, John Donovan, Edward T. Pheney, Glen H. B. Cummings, and the writer.

—JOHN F. JORDAN, Secretary

★ GRADUATE BRIEFS ★

COLORADO ALPHA—University of Colorado

District Judge Henry S. Lindsley, '24, was chairman of the reception committee honoring the visit to Denver in August of U. S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Wiley B. Rutledge.

ILLINOIS ALPHA—University of Illinois

Clarence H. Freeark, '22, the Fraternity's first Field Secretary, (1922-23) is the founder and director of Fraternity Management Incorporated, financial and organization advisers to fraternities and sororities. Freeark, perhaps the college world's number one expert in Greek-letter financial and organization advice, audits, budgets, systems, and analyses, established this concern in 1929 which today has branches in Boulder, Colo.; Columbia, Mo.; Lincoln, Neb.; and Lawrence, Kan. (home office). He is chiefly responsible for the district training schools in Sigma Phi Epsilon and contributed considerably to the singular advances of the Fraternity in the early twenties. He is responsible for a large share of the present improved Sigma Phi Epsilon Ritual.

INDIANA BETA—Indiana University

Ralph Hile, '30, is Associate Aquatic Biologist for the United States Department of Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service, with headquarters in the University Museums Building, Ann Arbor, Mich.

KANSAS GAMMA—University of Kansas

Edward W. Fischer, chairman of the Board of Testing Laboratories, Inc., is also electrical engineer in charge of utilities, Brookley Field, Army Air Base, Mobile, Ala. During the past three years, he has directed the electrical design and construction at Brookley Field by the Constructing Quartermaster and the U. S. Army Engineers. Prior to his work with the government, he was associated with the National Geophysical Company of Dallas, Tex.

LOUISIANA ALPHA—Tulane University

William John Condon, '34, is an attorney and counselor at 53 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago.

MISSISSIPPI ALPHA—U. of Mississippi

Earl Grimes, '38, is captain of the medics at Camp Shelby, Miss., in charge of the Medical Division.

Dr. Thomas Dunn, '39, has received a commission in the Navy and is to report to San Diego soon.

John C. Love, '31, is mayor of Kosciusko, Miss.

Murel Walden, '33, is a traveling salesman in Boonville, Miss.

Vic Torrey, '36, is with the United States Engineers at Senatobia, Miss., and is a legal adviser of his active chapter.

John Caughman, '31, is superintendent of the Sardis, Miss., schools and is the Alumni Treasurer of his active chapter.

Arnold Smythe, '33, is head of the Grenada division of the United States District Attorney's Office in Grenada, Miss. He is a legal adviser of the chapter.

MISSOURI ALPHA—University of Missouri

Paul G. Koontz, '18, Grand President from 1932-35, is a member of the Kansas City law firm of Warrick, Koontz & Hazard which announced on July 1 the formation of a new partnership under the name of Warrick, Koontz, Hazard & Shannon. The firm deals in general law practice as well as corporate and probate matters.

Will S. Denham, Missouri Alpha, state director of the Missouri State Employment Service until 1942, became last summer the area director of the War Manpower Commission for Greater Kansas City. The appointment was announced by WMC Regional Director, as in line with the objective of "striving to place every worker where he or she can best serve the war effort regardless of race, creed, color, and sex."

Denham had been acting associate regional representative of the United States Employment Service, a part of the WMC. He had been stationed in Washington.

MONTANA ALPHA—Montana State

Jack T. Harris, '44, left the campus and went to Mobile, Ala., where he was steward in the largest hotel in Mobile for two years, also assistant to the manager of the Haunted Book shop, and another business. In August, 1943, he was serving as Director in the City Recreation Department, also continuing his work at the book shop.

NEW YORK BETA—Cornell University

The Southern Association of Science and Industry and the Virginia Academy of Science have set up investigation committees all over the South in order that the postwar world of the South might continue along the same prosperity lines as in 1943.

Heading a committee in this organization in Virginia is Dr. Marcellus H. Stow, *Cornell*, '25, head of the department of geology of Washington and Lee University, who is on leave of absence and is now deputy director of the mining branch of the WPB.

Dr. Stow's initial step will be to survey Southern resources, including mineral, agricultural, forestry, water, power, transportation, labor, education, manufacturing, financial, research, climate, soil, markets, and specialized human resources, such as in the field of manpower, plus scientific and economic personnel.

Dr. Stow strongly feels that one of the first

steps toward Southern improvement is the making of some sort of adjustment in the freight rates in the South, which by many are held to be discriminatory against Southern industry and commerce, and hence progress.

He sees a great future for the shipbuilding industry, because of the presence of iron and steel plus the great tracts of lumber in the Southeast. Adjustments in the agricultural and educational fields might profitably also be made.

WISCONSIN ALPHA—Lawrence College

Dr. Neal W. Klausner, '31, has for the last seven years been located at the University of Redlands, Redlands, Calif., where he is Professor of Psychology and Philosophy. He writes: "I acquired a B.D. from Colgate-Rochester Divinity School and a Ph.D. from Yale in philosophy, a wife in Syracuse, and a beautiful baby boy now two years old. We are all thoroughly in love with California and the campus."

Dan Hopkinson, '31, is attorney for the Board of Economic Warfare at Washington.

Rev. Lael Westberg, '28, is Lutheran minister at Corvallis, Ore., and director of the Lutheran student work at Oregon State College. He is also serving as service pastor for the National Lutheran Council at nearby Army Camp Adair.

Paul Kozelka, '32, received his doctor of philosophy from Yale University last June, and is assistant field director for the American Red Cross at Fort Dix, N.J.

WISCONSIN BETA—University of Wisconsin

Claude S. Hansen, '27, is with the Phillips Petroleum Company, in Bartlesville, Okla.

★ VITAL DATA ★

Marriages

Capt. Matthew D. Alexander, Jr., Georgia Alpha, '34, and Annette Featherstone, on November 20, 1942.

Cpl. Donald E. Morrison, Iowa Beta, and Betty Traynor, on June 5, 1943, at Army Medical Center, Washington, D.C.

Lt. Charles Henry Kirk, Kansas Beta, '35, and Mary Eleanor Jones, Kansas State Pi Beta Phi, on January 23, 1943, at Kelly Field, San Antonio, Tex.

Fred H. Sheils, Kentucky Alpha, '33, and Mae Frances Norford, North Carolina State Chi Omega, on July 23, 1943.

Hugh Currey Crowell, Mississippi Alpha, '43, to Bobbie Nell Moore, on August 5, 1943, in Boonville, Miss.

William W. Arnold, Jr., Mississippi Beta, '44 (former president of the chapter), and Eunice

Leigh, graduate of Mississippi State College for Women, on August 27, 1943.

Jack T. Harris, Montana Alpha, '44, and Vivian Baker, on May 8, 1943.

Lt. Roland Lloyd Edwards, Ohio Gamma, '43, and Betty Stevens, on November 28, 1942.

Robert Rhoda, Pennsylvania Delta, and Doris Parsons, on May 21, 1943.

Lt. James Wellford White, Pennsylvania Delta, '28, and Marjorie Catherine Gartrell, on August 21, 1943, in Richmond, Va.

Sgt. William J. Andrews, Pennsylvania Lambda, '45, to Ruth E. Rumbaugh, on July 29, 1943.

Lt. John Henderson, Pennsylvania Lambda, to Peg Kelly, Alpha Gamma Delta, on July 4, 1943.

Lt. John D. (Jack) Sanford, Virginia Alpha, '39, and Edythe Strickland, of Amarillo, Tex., on June 25, 1943, in Orange, Va. Officiating minister was the groom's father, the Rev. Dr. T. Ryland Sanford, Virginia Alpha, '03.



DADDY: "To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Don Aschermann, Illinois Alpha, '41, a son, Ronald Marvin, on July 24, 1943."



DADDY: "To Major and Mrs. William R. Peterson, Kansas Beta, '38, a son, David William, on June 12, 1943, at Minneapolis, Minn."

Births

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Earl Harper, Alabama Beta, '33, a son, Robert Skipwith Harper, on February 24, 1943.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Robert T. Olds, D.C. Alpha, '45, a son, Robert Stuart, on July 26, in Roanoke, Va.

To Mr. and Mrs. J. Edward Lampman, Iowa Gamma, '41, a daughter, Lynne, on August 5, 1943, in Chicago, Ill.

To Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hogan, Kansas Alpha, '35, a daughter, Patricia Ann, on July 22, 1943, in Missoula, Mont.

To Mr. and Mrs. William Condon, Louisiana Alpha, '34, a daughter, Kathleen Anne, on September 21, 1943, in Chicago.

To Pvt. and Mrs. Richard F. Mathias, Missouri Alpha, '31, a son, Richard Tacke, on April 30, 1943.

To Pvt. and Mrs. E. Francis Males, Oklahoma Alpha, '37, a daughter, Judy Kay, on July 20, 1943, in Tulsa, Okla.

To Lt. and Mrs. Mark Magnus, Vermont Alpha, '42, a daughter (to Eugene Magnus, Vermont Alpha, '12, a granddaughter), Sally Ann, at Salem, Ore.

To Lt. and Mrs. W. Harvey Small, Virginia Eta, '33, a son, Warren Harvey, Jr., on September 10, 1943, in Baltimore, Md.

To Mr. and Mrs. Claude S. Hansen, Wisconsin Beta, '27, a son, James, on September 1, 1943, at Bartlesville, Okla.

Deaths

Stephen J. Knight, Colorado Alpha, '09, school board president of city of Denver since 1935, on July 26, 1943, in Denver.

*Lt. Thomas C. Galbraith, Kansas Beta, '40; in an airplane crash near Ridgeland, S.C., on April 12, 1943.

William Clifford Hoople, New York Alpha, '15, of the famous Syracuse Hoople family of Sig Eps; his paintings were represented in the Grand Central Art Gallery; member of the Guild of Free Lance Artists; on September 2, 1943, in New York City.

*Lieut. Charles Craig Knight, Pennsylvania Delta, in a plane crash.

*1st Lt. Barnes T. Pyle, Virginia Delta, '41, in an accident on April 21, 1943; at the Waco Army Flying School, where he had been an instructor in basic flying for over a year.

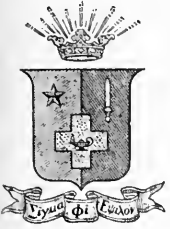
*Henry J. Clemens, Virginia Eta, '41, in bomber dive over Louisiana in August, 1943.

Samuel O. McCue, Virginia Eta, '12, in Norfolk, Va.

Expelled

Frank L. Seymour, Jr., Kansas Beta, on October 2, 1942. [The JOURNAL regrets exceedingly that it erroneously announced in the September number the expulsion of George W. Seymour. Brother Seymour is a member of Kansas Beta of the Class of '44 and writes: "I am very proud to be a Sig Ep and therefore would appreciate it very much if you would correct this error."—Ed.]

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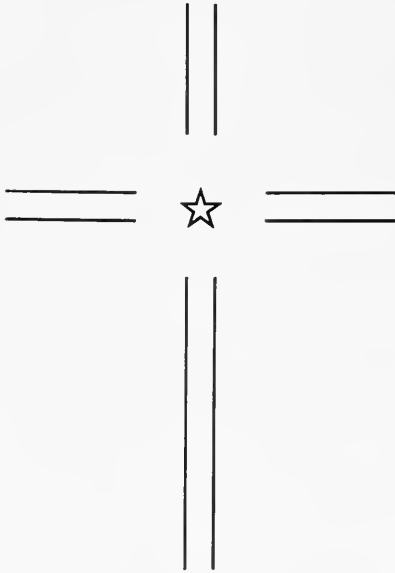
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